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1927			
17 Dec.	RAJPUTANA		16,568
24 „	RANPURA ..	COMORIN‡ ..	15,132
31 „	KAISAR-I-HIND		11,518
1928			
7 Jan.	RAWALPINDI	MALOJA ‡ ..	20,837
14 „	RANPURA ..		16,601
11 „	RAWALPINDI	MOREA * ..	10,953
28 „	RANCHI ..		16,650
4 Feb.	RAZMAK ..	NALDERA ‡ ..	18,088
11 „	RAWALPINDI		3,619
18 „	RAZMAK ..	MALWA* ..	10,986
25 „	RAJPUTANA..		16,568
3 Mar.	RAZMAK ..	NARKUNDA ..	16,302
10 „	KAISAR-I-HIND ..		11,518
17 „	RAZMAK@† ..		10,902
21 „	CHINA$ ..		7,952
24 „	RANPURA ..		16,601
31 „	MOOLTAN‡ ..		20,847
7 Apr.	RANCHI ..		16,650
14 „	RAZMAK@ ..		10,902
21 „	RAWALPINDI		16,619
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19 „	KAISAR-I-HIND ..		11,518
16 „	RAZMAK ..	NALDERA‡ ..	16,088
2 June	RANPURA ..		16,601
9 „	RAZMAN ..	MALWA *	10,986
16 „	CHINA ..		7,952
23 „	RAZMAK ..	NARKUNDA ‡	16,572
30 „	RAWALPINDI		16,619

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Date about.	Steamers	Tons.
1927		
18th Dec.	MANELA ..	8,303
1928		
12th Jan.	DOMALA ..	8,441
16th Feb.	MANORA ..	7,883
8th March	DUMANA ..	8,427
5th April	MANELA ..	8,303
3rd May	DOMALA ..	8,441

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1927		
x31st Dec.	TASMANIA M. ..	Straits and Japan.
1928		
*10th Jan.	KHIVA ..	Colombo Straits China and Japan
*31st „	KALYAN ..	Colombo Straits China and Japan
13th „	HIYEIZAN M.	Straits & Japan

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Muroran Maru ..	5374	16 „	30 „
Moji Maru ..	3757	1 „	5 Jan.
Sado Mar ..	5 98	30 „	12 „
Miyadono Maru ..	..	1 Jan.	12 „
Tyne Maru ..	5873	10 „	20 „
Genoa Maru ..	6785	16 „	30 „
Meigen Maru	5315	21 „	3 „
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1927		
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17th „	CHAKLA ..	Karachi via Porebunder Dwarka & Cutch Mandvie.
19th „	VITA ..	Karachi via Port Okha & Cutch Mandvie.
21st „	KARAPARA ..	East & South Africa.
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28th „	xELLORA ..	Mombasa.

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FARDUNJI M. DASTUR,
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Bombay, 8th December, 1927.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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MANAGER,
Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

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Esmail Haji Moosa and another .....Defendants.

Under the directions of Alimahomed Haji Moosa and Esmail Haji Moosa, the Receivers appointed in the above mentioned suit, in pursuance of the Consent Decree made therein on the 9th day of November 1927, Messrs. J. S. MODY & CO., Auctioneers will put up for sale by public auction at the premises on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of December 1927 at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.) the under mentioned immoveable property.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

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SUGAR NEWS.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Messrs. Drennan and Co. have received the following cable from Liverpool dated 14th inst.:—

"New York cables Sugar unofficially reported Cuban Millowners mutually agree postpone grinding to 16th January. Sugar May London quoted 16/9-3/4d.

THE SEEDS TRADING ASSOCIATION.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Castorseeds Delivery May Opening 51/10, Lowest 50/13, Closing 50/14.

Cottonseeds Delivery January Opening 4/7/9, Closing 4/7.

Cottonseeds Delivery May Opening 4/10/6, Closing 4/10.

Groundnut Seeds Delivery February.

WEEKLY COTTON MARKET REPORT.

(MESSRS. P. CHRYSTAL & CO.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Since we wrote our report last week the nett changes in the American Futures markets have been as follows:—

		Jany.	May.	July.
New York	8/12/27	18.73	19.09	19.05
Do.	14/12/27	18.48	18.85	18.80
		—.25	—.24	—.25
		Jany.	May.	July.
Liverpool	8/12/27	10.28	10.27	10.23
Do.	14/12/2	9.99	9.99	9.97
		—.29	—.28	—.26

Since yesterday evening we have received the following cables from Liverpool:—

1 "Cause of decline is liquidation. Demand in American goods trade falling off Further decline possible, but think New Crops attractive around 9.50d."

2 "Market looks oversold. Think short interest being created."

3 "American Mill Consumption for November 626,000 against 613,000 last month and 584,000 in November last year."

This is the sixth consecutive week we had to report a decline in New York during which time Futures have fallen 260 points. We are not yet attracted to the Bull side of the market owing to the poor demand of New Crops around 9.50d. In view of appreciable decline which has taken place we cannot feel so bearish as we have been. A further decline might affect the acreage next year in which case we are inclined to agree with the view expressed in the first of the above cables to commence purchases of New Crops around 9.60d. In view of the fact that this year's crop has been a high grade one practically all the carry-over at the end of this season will be tenderable, which will mean sufficient protection for the Contract up to the end of July. Next October instead of being at a discount of about a farthing per/lb. under July ought to be quoted at a carrying premium. With more than an adequate supply assured for this season, consumers will certainly not carry cotton from the old to the new season so long as they know that they can secure cotton from the next crop at a discount.

Since last Friday morning local Contract prices are Rs. 6 to Rs. 8 lower. The local market is now feeling the weight of our moving crop. Export demand is still very poor and local Mills cannot afford to buy owing to the absence of demand for cloth and yarn. Odd only support has been speculative purchases and unless there should be a recovery in America, and we see little chance of this yet, prices here must decline further.

PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Receipts of various Raw produce into Bombay upto noon the 14th inst.

	cwts.
Wheat	22,969
Linseed	3,148
Rape, Rai & Mustardseeds	13
Gingellyseeds	7,511
Poppyseed	101
Groundnuts	10,089
Castorseeds	2,786
Rice	27,041
Myrabollams	5,282
Coal	9,461 tons.

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES.

London, Dec. 14.

Interest Day to Day Loans 3-7/8 p.c.
Interest 7 days' market Loans 3-1/2 p.c.
Bank Bills 3 months 4-5/16 p.c.
Bank Bills 6 months 4-3/8 p.c.
Fine Trade Bills 3 months 4-3/4 p.c.
Fine Trade Bills 6 months 5-1/4 p.c.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 14.

T.T. Berlin on London	20.43-1/2
T.T. Amsterdam on London	12.07-5/8
T.T. Brussels on London	34.90
T.T. Madrid on London	29.06
T.T. Milan on London	89.98
T.T. Berne on London	25.28
T.T. Paris on London	124.02
T.T. London on Prague	164.75

LINSEED.

London, Dec. 14.

Linseed Calcutta ton:—
Dec./Jan. shipment buyers £17-2-6.
Linseed Calcutta ton:—
Jan./Feb. shipment buyers £17-2-6.
Linseed La Plata c.i.f. ton:—
December shipment Hull paid £15-10-0.
Linseed Bombay ton:
Dec./Jan. shipment nominal £18-2-6.

LINSEED OIL.

London, Dec. 14.

Linseed Oil, naked London cwt:—
Jan./Apl. delivery paid 28/4-1/2.
Linseed Oil, naked London cwt:—
May./Aug. delivery buyers 29/3.

BOMBAY GOVT. GAZETTE.

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. M. G. Mehta, First Class Subordinate Judge, Nadiad, to officiate as Judge and Sessions Judge, Kaira.

Mr. E. Clements, I.C.S., Judge and Sessions Judge of Ahmednagar, to be also temporarily Additional Sessions Judge at the Sholapur Sessions Division.

Mr. B. H. Desai, First Class Subordinate Judge, Ahmednagar, to act as District and Sessions Judge, Ahmednagar.

Bombay Castle, 12th December 1927

Mr. J. R. Dhurandhar, LL.B., to act temporarily as Deputy Secretary to Government, Legal Department, and Secretary to the Legislative Council, vice Mr. N. J. Wadia, I.C.S., on special duty, pending further orders.

Mr. Anant Keshav Phadkar, LL.B., to act temporarily as Assistant Secretary to Government, Legal Department, vice Mr. J. R. Dhurandhar, LL.B., pending further orders.

Mr. Laxman Triambak Gholap to be a member of His Majesty's Covenanted Civil Service on the Bombay Establishment.

Mr. Balaji Bapuji Rane, Office Superintendent and Storekeeper, General Stamp Office, Bombay, to be Assistant Superintendent of Stamps, Bombay.

Mr. M. H. Crawley to act as Superintendent of Excise, Belgaum Sub-Division, vice Mr. R. Honner.

In consequence of Mr. Inglis appointment as Superintending Engineer, the following arrangements should be made until further orders:—

Mr. W. A. Evershed, B.Sc. (Lond.), A.M.Inst.C.E., to be Executive Engineer, Special Irrigation Division, vice Mr. Inglis;

(b) Mr. W. H. E. Garrod, A.M.Inst. C.E., to be Executive Engineer, Mutha Canals Division, vice Mr. Evershed;

(c) Mr. R. H. Hammett, A.M.Inst.C.E., to be Executive Engineer, Lake Whiting Divison, vice Mr. Garrod;

(d) M. L. Champhekar, M.C.E., Assistant Executive Engineer, to be Executive Engineer, Malsiras Division, vice Mr. Hammett.

TATA POWER CO. LTD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The eighth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Tata Power Co., Ltd. was held in the Bombay House, Bruce Road, on Wednesday, Mr. N. B. Saklatvalla presiding.

In moving the adoption of the annual report and audited balance sheet, the Chairman said:—

I have to congratulate you on your Company having commensed operation with two generating units from 1st April 1927 and begun to earn income sufficient for the present to cover all revenue expenditure. The balance of constitution work will be practically completed and the remaining three generating units will be ready for services at the end of the current financial year, and it is expected that the work will be finished within the final estimates and the finance so far arranged. The mill load of this Company is not so large as that of the Hydro and Andhra and it has mainly to depend for its earnings on the Tramways and the Railway Companies. I am sorry to say that the G. I. P. though it is taking supply is paying for the minimum power under the Agreement though not taking it and the B. B. and C. I. Railway which was expected to commence taking power in April last has not set done so. They propose to take power from January 1926. The reason assigned by them is that on account of the coal strike in England all their plant has not arrived.

The Company having commanced operation the dividend on the Preference Shares has begun to accrue as from the 1st April last.

The report and audited account were adopted unanimously.

Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas and Mr. J. D. Gandhy who retired by rotation were re-elected on the Board of Directors.

After appointing auditors, the meeting terminated.

LONDON PRODUCE

London, Dec. 14.

Cottonseed Bombay.—
Dec./Jan. shipment paid £8-12-6.
Castorseed Bombay:—
Dec./Jan. shipment sellers £18-15-0.
Rapeseed, Toria ton:
Dec./Jan. shipment sellers £19-15-0.

LONDON METALS.

London, Dec. 14.

	£
Copper English best Selected	65-5/8
Copper Braziers	75-0/2
Yellow Metal	65
Spelter Hard Indian Brands ..	22-1/4
Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge ..	13-1/8
Tin English Ingots	265

WHEAT—LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 14.

Rozaria Santa Fe, per 64 lb:
January shipment sellers 49/6.
Barletta Russo per 64 lb:
January shipment sellers 49.
Wheat South Australian:
Afloat Paid 52.
Wheat Choice White Karachi:
December shipment buyers 51/3.

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World Cotton Situation

NEW YORK, LIVERPOOL & BOMBAY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

CESSATION OF LIQUIDATION—NOVEMBER CONSUMPTION 626,000 BALES—CONSIDERED BULLISH—BETTER TONE—FUTURES 34 TO 26 POINTS HIGHER—SPOT ROSE 40 POINTS TO 19 CENT.

New York, Dec. 15.

Record November consumption by the U. S. A. mills was responsible for a rise of 22 points at the opening and prices improved further on continued short covering. At a rise of 34 points during the first 6 minutes, there was considerable selling pressure which resulted in a loss of 23 points in twenty-five minutes. At this level there was cessation of long liquidation and prices ruled very steady with a gradual rise till the close on better Spot demand. The close was fairly steady at a rise of 34 to 26 points. Spot demand being active prices recovered 40 points and closed at 19 cent.

The New Orleans futures market ruled steady with an improvement of 33 to 34 points. Spot prices hardened 33 points to 18.69c.

The mills in United States of America consumed 626,000 bales against 613,000 bales during October last. November consumption during the past season was as under:—

Season	Consumption bales.
1927	626,000
1926	584.000
1925	543,000
1924	492,000
1923	532,000

A study of above figures show no reason for a gloomy outlook for the consumption in America. Despite the slackening in the demand for manufactured articles, the mills do not show any signs of curtailment in the production. If the reports received here are true, shortly there will be accumulation of large stocks of cloth and yarn, resulting into an unhealthy situation. So far the market does not display any marked strength, rather than natural reaction. However in view of recent heavy long liquidation, the technical situation is greatly improved and look for fluctuating market with no decided tendency.

PRIVATE CABLES.

Messrs. Patel Bros. have received the following cables from New York dated 14th instant:—

Cessation of liquidation, better tone.

January highest 18.50 (10-06 a.m.) lowest 18.27 (10-31 a.m.)

Messrs. Umrigar and Vesugar's New York friends Messrs. A. Norden and Co. cable under date 14th inst. as under:—

"Although opinion favourable, would confine purchase to dips."

Reuter:—"Market firm and fairly active on improved buying influenced by large consumption and better spot demand."

"Expect improved textiles better market during the next 30 days."

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

F. P. Bales.	1927-28	1926-27
Receipts to date 14-12-27	5623000	7921000
,, Yesterday do	40000	57000
Exports to date do	3347000	4755000
Stock at Ports 9-12-27	2602000	2967000
,, Interior Towns do	1341600	1527000
,, Liverpool 9-12-27	968000	1063000
Visible Supply 9-12-27	6156000	6892000
Quantity in Sight do	9286000	11232000

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 14.

January	18.48 plus .32
March	18.68 plus .30
May	18.85 plus .34
July	18.80 plus .28
October	18.45 plus .26
Middling Spot	19.00 plus .40

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Dec. 14.

January	18.58 plus .33
March	18.79 plus .34
Middling Spot	18.69 plus .33

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 14.

NEW YORK 11 A.M.:
(As known in Liverpool at closing time).

January	18.38
March	18.60
May	18.76

NEW YORK NOON CALL:

January	18.35
March	18.57
May	18.73

NEW ORLEANS 9-30 A.M.:

January	18.46
March	18.68
May	18.78

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Dec. 14.

Bales.

Day's Receipts at all U.S. Ports 40,000
Day's Exports to Great Britain 4,000
Day's Exports to the Continent 7,000

LIVERPOOL.

LONDON AND CONTINENT BUYING—SCATTERED LIQUIDATION—FEELING BETTER—FUTURES UNCHANGED TO 1 POINT HIGHER—SALES 6,000 BALES.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.

The Liverpool futures market opened firm at a decline of 8 points. There was good demand from London and Continental operators and prices showed a steady rise. There was scattered liquidation at the advance. The close was steady, unchanged to 1 point higher. Spot Cotton prices improved 2 points to 10.46d. per lb. and sales were 6,000 bales.

EMPIRE COTTON:

Empire Cotton futures improved one point. January was quoted 9.98 and March 10d.

EGYPTIAN COTTON:

Egyptian cotton futures ruled very steady. There was absence of selling pressure and with short covering prices closed 13 to 12 points higher.

PRIVATE CABLES.

Messrs. Patel Bros. have received the following cable from Liverpool dated 14th instant:—

"London and Continent buying, some selling at the advance."

Messrs. Thomas Smith and Co.'s report: Market is firm and fairly active on improved buying influenced by large consumption and a better spot demand.

Messrs. Breul and Co. have received the following cable dated 14th inst. (2-20 p.m.) from their Liverpool friends Messrs. Reynolds and Gibson:—

"Technical position may create some reaction, but have no confidence in permanent advance. Would sell on any rise."

Sprigman and Co. (Liverpool):—"Market steady with a much better feeling."

"Consumption figures show an increase."

LIVERPOOL. COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.

	Opening	Closing.
December		10.02 plus .04
January	9.91	9.99 plus .01
February		9.97 plus .01
March	9.92	9.99
April		9.97
May	9.93	9.99
June		9.97
July	9.91	9.97 plus .01
August		9.88 plus .01
September		9.80
October	9.66	9.71
November		9.67
December		9.67
Middling Spot		10.46 plus .02

SALES.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.

	Bales.
Sales at Liverpool	6,000
Sales on Speculation	100
Sales of East Indian Cotton	nil

INDIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.

Scinde Fully Good	7.65
Scinde Fine	7.85
Bengal Good	7.45
Bengal Fully Good	7.65
Bengal Fine	7.85
Oomra Good	8.10
Oomra Fully Good	8.35
Oomra Fine	8.60
Broach Fully Good	9.05
Oomra Fine	9.35

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.

December	16.38 plus .13
January	16.53 plus .13
February	16.53 plus .13
March	16.77 plus .12
April	16.77 plus .12
May	16.91 plus .09
June	16.91 plus .09
July	17.00 plus .10
August	17.00 plus .10
September	17.00 plus .10
October	17.10 plus .05
November	17.10 plus .05
December	17.10 plus .05
Sakellaridis F.G.F. Spot	17.00 plus .05

JAVA SUGAR—LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 14.

Java Sugar Fine White Dutch Standard No. 25 c and f Calcutta.

December per cwt: 14|7-1|2.
Jan|Mar. per cwt. 14|7-1|2.
July|Sept. per cwt. 15.
C and F Bombay:—
Jan.|March per cwt. 14|9-1|4.
C and F Karachi:
Jan|March per cwt. 14|10.

COFFEE.

New York, Dec. 14.

Coffee Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) Spot: 14-1|8.

BOMBAY

BAZAR OPERATORS BOUGHT—IMPROVED EXPORT ENQUIRY—CLOSED RATHER STEADY.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Following a rise of 30 points in New York futures, the local market opened at Rs. 367|- for Broach A.-M. delivery and declined to Rs. 366|- on liquidation by tired bulls. There was considerable buying by Bazar operators and prices firmed up to Rs. 369|12. The market fluctuated at this level and quotations at 4 p.m. were as under:—

Broach A.-M. 367, 369|12, 366, 369.
Oomra D.-J. 332, 333, 332, 333.
Oomra Mar. 336, 337, 336, 337.
Bengal D.-J. 298, 300, 298, 300.
Bengal Mar. 302|8, 304, 302|8, 304.

SEWRI MARKET.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Liverpool opened firm at a rise of 12 points but eased off 4 points in later cables. The local market opened steady and declined on scattered selling but again improved on buying by a prominent shipper. Quotations at 6-30 p.m. were as under:—

Broach A.-M. 367|8, 367|8, 366|4, 367|8.
Oomra D.-J. 331|5, 332|8, 331|8, 332|8.
Oomra Mar. 334|8, 335|8, 334|8, 335|8.
Bengal D.-J. 298, 298|8, 298, 298|8.
Bengal Mar. 302|8, 303, 302|8, 303.

The export demand for ready cotton shows signs of improvement.

SAMPIN QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

December	235.60 plus 0.20
March	243.90 plus 0.40
June	248.10 plus 0.40

DAILY ROOM RATES

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Bengal 300 D/J.
Bengal 304 March.
Broach 360 A/M.
Oomra 333 D/J.
Oomra 337 March.

SPOT RATE.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Bengal	318	312	305	297
S. P.	316	310	303	295
Rajputana	318	312	305	297
Oomra	347	340	330	
C. P. 1	367	360	350	
C. P. No. 2	357	350	340	
Khandesh	344	334	324	

READY COTTON SALES.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

100 A. Damodar Nagar 325
100 Damodar Nagar 325
100 A. Damodar Amraoti 331
100 A. Damodar Arvi 344
100 A. Damodar Kuradwadi 327
100 A. Damodar Dhamangaon 323
100 Goshageshi Matria 305
100 Goshgoshi Mutbia 305
100 Volkart Bros. Karanja 348
100 Japan T. & Co. Karanja 348
100 Japan T. & Co. Muktsar 322
100 Jetha Devji Dhulia 307
100 N. Fatehalli Shegaon 317
100 N. Fatehalli Akola 322
100 Forbes & Co. Ujjain 320
100 Vardhman Bro. Yeotmal 348
100 G. R. Vashanji Kuradwadi 328

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

	Deliv. Cont. Ready.	Ready. Red leafy Average	Dec.	Jan.
Bengal Superfine	320			
Bengal Fine		315	305	+7/8
Bengal FG.		305	295	
Sindh-Punjab Fine		315	305	
Sindh Punjab FG.		305	255	
Wardha-Hingt. Fine		355/60	345/50	
Nagpur Fine		355/60	345/50	+24
Yeotmal Fine		345/48	335/40	
Arvi Fine		345/48	335/40	+12
Amraoti Fine		340	320/25	
Khamgaon-Ako'a Fine		338	320/25	—1/2
Mukapur Fine		335	320	
Khandesh Fine		330	315	—5/6
Muthia Fine			310	—11
Nanded/Purna FG.		355		
Purna FG.		350	325	
Parbhani/Sailu FG.			330	
Indore/Ujjain Fine			330	
Burwah Sanavad Fine		336	330	
				March.
Broach FG.				+14
Broach Fine				
Westerns MG.			355	
Westerns HG.				
Cambodia		425		
Miraj/Sangli		400		Mr./Ap.
Comota Good		400		+30
Dhollera				
Kadi/Viramgam				

LONDON RUBBER.

London, Dec. 14.

Smoked Sheet Standard Ribbed lb. spot. Sellers 1|7-1|2.

BULLION MARKET.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Following a small decline of 1/16d in London quotations and the Shanghai exchange being steady, the local market at Rs. 60/7 for Posh delivery and ruled firm on short covering. The Chinese political situation being uncertain, it is difficult to form a decided opinion. The undertone is healthy and stocks are not large as a local Bank is reported to have taken delivery of 2500 Bars. Double options premium for Posh is As. 13 and for Maha is Rs. 1/6.

GOLD.

(The Bombay Bullion Broker's Association Ltd.)

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Ready	21 5 3
Posha	21 5 0
Maha.	21 5 3
Narandas Motilal Native Gold Bars touch 96-97-98-99	21 5 0
National City	21 9 6

SILVER.

Ready	60 8 0
London Ready	26 14 0
Forward	26 10 0
London Shanghai Opening	2 7.7/16
Closing	2 7.7/16
New York cent	58 -1/2

	Op.	Hi.	Lo.	Closing
Margashirsha	60/7/0	60/9/0	60/7/0	60/8/0
Posha	60/8/0	60/10/0	60/8/0	60/9/0
Maha.	60/6/0	60/8/0	60/6/0	60/8/0

LONDON SILVER.

London, Dec. 14.

Silver:—Market quiet but steady.

Spot	6 26-7|8
Forward	26-5|8

LONDON GOLD.

London, Dec. 14.

Bar Gold Fine per oz. £4|4|1-1|2

EXCHANGE.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

LONDON—
Bank's selling T T 1|6 1|16
Bank's selling D D 1|6 3|32.
Bank's buying 3 M|st D A 1|6 3|8.
Bank's buying T T 1|6 1|8.
Bank's buying D D 1|6 5|32.
Tone of Exchange.—Steady Market.
PARIS:—
Bank's selling D D 910.
Bank's buying 3 M|st D A 960.
Bank's buying D D 945.
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 125 3|4.
Bank's buying 60 D|st D P 122 1|4.
HONGKONG:—
Bank's Selling D D 138
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 175 3|4.
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 155 3|4.
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling D D 272 1/2
London—Gold per oz. Ready 84-11-1|2.
London Silver per oz. Ready 26|14.
London Silver per oz. Forward 26|10.
Tone of Silver:—Dull. China was a large seller at higher rate. India and China bought. America offered after fixing.
American Cross Rate dol. 4.88-5|16.
Paris Cross Rate Fres. 124.01.

LONDON DISCOUNTS

Bombay, Dec. 15.

3 months 4-5/16 per cent.
Six months 4-3|8 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 4-1/2 per cent.
Money Call 4 per cent.
One month 4-1-4 per cent.
Three to six months 4 1|2 per cent.
Tone of Money Market.—Dull.
Imperial Bank Rate 6 per cent.

EAST INDIAN COTTON

BREUL AND CO.'S REPORT

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

In full-pressed Bales	Yesterday. This year.	Since 1st Sept. Last year.
Khandesh	5,985	55.126	19,925
Central India	2,569	24,147	16.342
Barsi & Nagar	2,527	42,650	20,481
Hyderabad-Gaorani	1,047	14,227	3,571
Berar	11,610	1,65,339	69,844
Central Provinces	5.439	54,269	11,579
Total	29,977	3,55,785	1,71,742
Dholera	324	18,723	4,718
N-W. Provinces	1,337	53,203	26,919
Rajputana	311	9,176	6,966
Sind-Punjab	3,219	30,573	14,413
Broach		2,567	134
Coompta & Dharwar	160	2,500	10,067
Westerns-Northerns		2,943	7,173
Cocoanada			395
Tinhevelly & Cambodia		6,207	4,436
Persian		2,821	2,429
American		18,590	32,511
Egyptian & African	742	7,180	18.291
Comila, Burma & other sorts		4	7
Total	36,070	5,10,345	3,00,200

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

1st Sept to 8th Dec.

In full-pressed Bales	Yesterday This year.	Last year.
Europe	3,367	1,06,696	58,991
Japan & China	5,800	80.649	76,980
Coast Ports	553	6,561	3,271
Up-country by Rail		26,045	29,640
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan		24.323	9,742
Total	9,720	2.44,271	1,78,624

STOCKS AND SHARES.

MILL SHARES STEADY

SECURITIES QUIET.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

MILL SHARES.

Cotton mill shares opened unchanged with a quiet feeling and prices declined on scattered selling. B. Dyeing declined to Rs. 956|4, Century to Rs. 470|- and Fazul to Rs. 942|8. At this level there was bull support and prices recovered. Values of mill shares have declined to such a level, where increased support can be anticipated. The technical situation is healthy and we see no justification for a fall from present level. The market is likely to improve in the long run and believe short sales dangerous.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Tata Iron and Steel shares fluctuated within a small range. There were evidences of heavy buyings of ordinary shares by prominent Brokers. Deferred shares also displayed great resistence at low level. The market is well liquidated and we believe there is an accumulation of weak short interest near the bottom. This a good sign for a rapid recovery on any favourable news. We are afraid shorts will be once more placed in an uncomfortable box. Bombay Burmah shares received good support from Bulls. Tata Hydros ruled steady. Cement shares closed steady. Tramway shares ruled quiet but steady. Bombay steams are a good purchase in easier moments. Bank shares are quiet with little business.

SECURITIES

Government papers ruled quiet but steady with a limited business.

BANKS

Bank of India (100-150) Pd. 10 p.m. 86|8.
Baroda (1,000) 14 p. c. 96|2 94.
Central Co-operative Pd. (50) 2 p.c. 66
Central (5) p.c. 27-6
Eastern (£10.5) 8 p.c. 83/8.
Imperial (100) 1465.
Imperial Contributory (125 Pd.) 10 p.c. 362|8.
Union (5) Rs. 4.

CEMENTS AND MANGANESE.

Bandi Portland Cement (10) 41.
Central India Mining (10) 25-4
India Cement 350 (O) 262|8.
Katni Cement 40 (O) 248|12.
Katni Cement (40) (D) 770
Punjab Cement (D) 11/12
Punjab Cement (D) 14
Shivrajpur (10) 49|8.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad Prantej (500) 16 p.c. 910.
Central Provinces (100) 5 1|2 p.c. 105
Dhond Baramati Ry. (100) 6 p. c. 101.
Gujara (100) 5 p.c. 94.
Hoshiarpur Doab (100) 5 1|4 p.c. 101
Larkana (100) 4 p. c. 89.
Mandla Bhon (100-90 Pd.) 5 p.c. 79
Mymansingh (100) 5 p.c. 99-8
Pachora Jamnur (100) 5 p.c. 89.
Sara Sirajgunj (100) 5 p.c. 100.
Sialkot-Narrowal (100) 5 1|2 p.c. 106. xd.
Sind Light (100) 112 p.c. 143
Tapti Valley (500) 8 1|2 p. c. 717|8.
Upper Sind (100) 2 p.c. 87.

ELECTRIC UNDERTAKINGS.

Ahmedabad Electric (100) 94|8.
Surat Electric (O) 700 6 p.c. 95.
Andhra Valley (O) (100) p. c. 4 p. c. 842|8
Andhra Valley (P) (1000) 7 p.c. 1030.
Bombay Tramway (O) 2162 p. c. 153|12. xd.
Bombay Tramway (P) 2162 p.c. 70|8.
Surat Electric P 162 (50) 6-1/2 p.c. 95
Tata Hydro Elec. (O) 1127|8.
Tata Power (P) (1000) 920
Tata Power (O) (1000) 565
Karachi Electricity (100) 6 p.c. 107.

PRESS COMPANIES.

Ford (475) Rs. 175.
Harvey and Shahapathy (500) Rs. 1145.
Indian Cotton Mfg. 232|8
Manmad Manufacturing (250) Rs. 55 240
New Berar (500) Rs. 70, 885
New Muffusil (450) Rs. 617-8
New Prince of Wales (500) Rs. 20,525
Volkart C. P. (550) Rs. 25, 625.

SPINNING AND WEAVING MILLS. (DIVIDEND LAST HALF YEAR).

Ahmedabad Advance (100) Rs. 10 415
Apollo (50) 7
Berar Mills (200) 20 142
Bombay Cotton Mfg. (200) 327|8.
Bombay Dyeing (200) 25, 967|8.
Central India O. (Nagpur) (100) 12|8 536|4.
Central India P. (Nagpur) (100) 12-8 497-8
Century (100) 480.
Crescent (100) 205.
Colaba Mills 148|12.
Dawn (150) 80 710
E. D. Sassoon United (10 F. Paid) 1|1|0.
Edward Sassoon (100) 125.
Fazulbhoy 956|4.
Framji Petit (1,000) 550.
Globe (100) 33-12
Elphinstone (100) nil 21.
Gokak Mills 137/8
Indupic Mfg. Co. (100) 385
Indian Dyeing and Bleaching (100) 1 270
Jamshed Manufacturing (250) 52/8.
Kohinoor (300) nil 288|12.
Luxmi Cotton (1000) 7010.
Madhavji Dharmsey (100) 117-8
Manekji Petit (100) 1700.
Madras United (250) Rs. 510
Mysore (60) 20 p.c. 150.
Meyer Sassoon (160) 86|4.
Morarji Goculdas (1,000) 50, 2420
New Great Mills 323|12.
Pabaney Mills 200 307|8.
Pearls Mills 200, 626|4.
173 Simplex 73, 205.
Swadeshi Mills (100) 10, 541|4.
Phoenix (100) 440.
Simplex (100) 190
Sassoon Cotton (100) 12

SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 15.

3 1|2 per cent Rupee Paper 74|10|6.
4 per cent Conversion Loan due 1931/36 Rs. 94/2.
4 per cent Loan due 1934/37 Rs. 93/10.
4 per cent Loan due 1960|70 Rs. 87|6.
5 per cent War Loan due 1929/47 Rs. 100.
5 per cent Loan due 1935 Rs. 101/4
5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1939 Rs. 102/4.
5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1945/55 105/15.
5-1/2 per cent War Bonds (Tax Free) due 1928 Rs. 105/4.
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1930 Rs. 104.
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1931 Rs. 105/2.
6 per cent. Bonds (Tax Free) due 1932 106/9.
6-1/2 per cent Bombay Development Loan (Tax Free) due 1935 Rs. 111/8.
4 per cent Port Trust due 1974 Rs. 85|2
4 per cent Municipal due 1974 84|10
4 per cent Improvement Trust due 1974 Rs. 84/13.
6 per cent Bombay Municipal due 1954 Rs. 111
6 per cent Municipal due 1929/49 Rs. 102/8
Forward rates, 5th January Sett.
3-1|2 per cent Rupee Paper Rs. 74|10|6, 1345|55 Rs. 105|15.
Tone of Market:—Steady.

Sassoon Silk (50) 3-1/2 91
Sholapur (1,000) 200, 8325.
Sir Barocha Mills (100) 18|12.
Swan Mills (100) 16. 157,8
Tata Oil Mills (100) 35
Vishnu Cotton (O) Rs. 3325.
Vishnu Cotton P. (599) 7 p.c. 625.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock Ashdown (nil) 376|4
Back Bay Baths (250) Rs. 5.
B. Burma T. Corporation 1251 Rs. 862|8
B. Burma T. Corporation (50 paid) x. d. 320.
Bombay Steam (K) (250) 238-12
Bombay Steam P. (250) 6 p.c. 237 1|2 xd.
Bombay Uganda (100-80 Pd.) 4 p.c. 43.
British Burma Petroleum 5-7
Belapur Co. (75 Pd.) 24
Burma Corporation (10) 9/2
Empire of India Life (500) 10 1950
Jost Engineering (50) p.c. 165
Kemp (200) 15, 190.
McKenzie (10) 25, 382-8
New India Assurance (125-25 Pd.) Rs. 19/14
Oriental Govt. Securities Life 2175. 200/10 (Pd.) P. G. 2260
Port Canning (100) Rs. 660
Scindia Steam 18|10.
Tata 1st Preference 137
Tata Constructions (30) 63.
Tata Iron (nil) (100) 93
Tata Iron (O) 78|4.
Tata Iron Def. (80) 266|4.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 14.

	£
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	21
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Register)	121-12
P. & O. Banking Corporation	10-1|2
National Bank	50
Eastern Bank	6-3|8
Funding Loan 4 p.c.	86-1|2
Conversion Loan	75-1|4
Indian Loan 5-1|2 p.c.	103-1|8
Rupee Paper 3-1|2 p.c.	55-1|2
Indian Stock 3 per cent. Sterling Loan	60-3|4
Indian Stock 3-1|2 per cent. Sterling Loan	70-5|8
Consols	54-3|8
War Loan 5 per cent	101-1|4
War Loan 5 per cent	101-1|4
Victory Bonds 4 p.c.	93-1|2

DEMAND BILLS.

New York, Dec. 14.

Demand Bills	487.93

BOMBAY CITY & SUBURBS.

ENGAGEMENTS

TO-DAY.

Address, from Muslim Reception Committee, to King of Afghanistan 9 a.m., Dongri.

Corporation address to King of Afghanistan, 4-30 p.m.

Garden Party to King of Afghanistan by Anjuman-i-Islam, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 17.

The s.s. "Rajputana" with the English mails sails at 1 p.m.

Addresses to King of Afghanistan from (1) Anjuman-i-Madhavia, (2) the Iran League and (3) the Muslim Students' Union, 10 a.m.

H. E. the Viceroy and H. M. the King of Afghanistan attend the races in State.

At 5-30 p.m. H. M. the King and Queen of Afghanistan leave for Europe.

At 8-30 p.m. H. E. the Viceroy dines with the President and members of the Orient Club.

SUNDAY, Dec. 18.

Miss Bhikhaiji L. Palamkote's concert, Town Hall, 5-30 p.m.

BOMBAY CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

The Urgent Meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee convened to-day (Friday), at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.), is adjourned.

POSTAL NOTICE.

Mails for Mauritius, and Reunion per extra s.s. "Shirala" Via Dhanushkodi and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 6-30 p.m. on Thursday, the 22nd instant.

Parcel mails for Germany direct per s.s. "Schwarzenfels" will be closed at the General Post Office at 12 noon, on Saturday, the 17th instant.

BOMBAY BRANCH ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Society will be held in the Society's Rooms to-day (Friday), at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.), when a lantern lecture on "The Ajanta Caves" by Shrimant Balasaheb, Pant Pratimidhi, Chief of Aundh. The lecture is open to the public.

SHI RAMANA SACHIDANANDA SAMAJ.

Thhe members of the Sri Ramana Sachidananda Samaj, Parel, will celebrate the "Danuramasa Giripradakshana Bhajan" from 5-30 to 7 a.m. from to-day (Friday), to Friday (the 13th prox.).

BOMBAY TEACHERS' UNION.

The last of the series of the three lectures on the "Principles of Radio Practice", which was to have taken place on Wednesday, will be delivered by Prof. G. R. Paranjpe, with Demonstration Experiments, at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) in Room No. 2, ground floor, the Royal Institute of Science, Mayo Road, to-day (Friday).

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

In aid of Shri Ram Maruti Memorial Fund Dadar, the Maharashtra Natak Mandali will stage its well-known performance "Keechak Vadha" at the Elphinston Theatre, Grant Road, on Saturday, 17th instant, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.). The Hon. Mr. G. B. Pradhan has kindly consented to preside over the occassion.

THE CITY'S HEALTH.

The following statement shows the total mortality from 6 a.m. of Wednesday to 6 a.m. of Thursday:—

Small-pox attack nil, death nil; Cholera attack nil, death nil; Pleague attack nil, death nil; Influenza attack nil, death nil. Total Mortality (Exclusive of Stillborn) 74. Total Mortality for this day last year was 80.

LECTURE ON ARCHAEOLOGY.

A public lecture on Archaeology will be delivered by Shrimant Bala Saheb Pant Pratinidhi, Chief of Aundh, on the Ajanta Caves in the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, to-day (Friday), at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.). Lantern slides depicting coloured pictures, in full size, of the caves, which are so much admired by scholars of Indology, will also be shown.

WELCOME TO MR. FENNER BROCKWAY.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Committee of the All-India Trade Union Congress, a public meeting will be held to-day (Friday), at 7 p.m. (S. T.), in the Servants of India Society's Home, Sandhurst Road, Girgaon, Bombay, to welcome Mr. Fenner Brockway, Secretary of the British Independent Labour Party and Editor of the "New Leader."

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHIEF OF BHOR.

Under the auspicits of the Brahmin Sabha a meeting of the members of the Sabha will be held at Hari Keshav Gokhale's Hall, Shankervadi, at 7 p.m. (S. T.), to-day, to offer felicitous congratulations of "pansupari" to His Highness Shrimant Raghunathrao Shankerrao, alias Babasaheb Pantsachiv, Chief of Bhor, for the honour of a salute of 9 guns being conferred upon His Highness by the British Government.

GIRL GUIDES RALLY.

Lady Irwin inspected the Girl Guides on the Cooperage on Thursday.

Departure of Lady Irwin from the Cooperage.

LECTURE ON ZOROASTRIANISM.

As the Government of Bombay Research Lecturer for 1927, Dr. Irach J. S. Taraporewala, of the Calcutta University will deliver the fifth lecture of a series of public lectures on "Some Aspects of the History of Zoroastrianism to-day (Friday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, Sakhadvala Building, 172, Hornby Road, Fort, "Later Zoroastrianism and Zoroastrianism to-day."

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

B. I. S. N. Company's steamer "Ellora" from Mombasa is expected to arrive in Bombay on Monday morning the 19th instant, and will be berthed at No. 18, Alexandra Dockwall on arrival.

The P. & O. Mail Steamer "Ranpura" with the Mails from Bombay of 10th instant, arrived at Aden at noon on the 14th instant.

The P. & O. Mail Steamer "Mooltan" carrying Bombay Mails of 10th instant ex s.s. "Ranpura" left Aden at 5 p.m. on the 14th instant.

The Outward P. & O. Mail Steamer "Malwa" with the mails from London of the 8th instant arrived at Port Said at 10-30 a.m. on the 14th instant and left there at 2-30 p.m. the same day.

The Clan Line s.s. "Macbrayne" left Suez for Colombo, Madras and Calcutta in the evening of the 13th instant.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT AT MATUNGA.

Under the auspices of the Matunga Athletic Association a fives (ball) Badminton Tournament will be held in the association grounds (opposite to Matunga G. I. P. Railway Station) commencing from Saturday, the 24th instant. A silver challenge cup has been presented by the Hon. Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, Kt., in connection with this tournament and it will become the property of any team winning the tournament for three years in succession.

CONVICTED OF THEFT

Gopal Babaji, a Hindu mill labourer, aged 25, was placed before Mr Thaker, Presidency Magistrate, Sixth Court, on a charge of theft.

Pandoo Sonoo, the complainant in this matter, stated in his evidence that the accused was boarding in his house. On the 21st ultimo, he suddenly disappeared and property valued at Rs. 43/8 was found missing. On the 11th of this month, however a cousin of the complainant found the accused and got him arrested. Part of the stolen property was recovered from two Marwaris with whom it was pledged.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge of theft and was convicted. But as police enquiries regarding the past of the accused were not complete. His Worship remanded him till the 19th instant when the sentence will be awarded.

A CHARGE THAT FAILED

Murlidhar Kripaldas was placed before Mr. I. N. Mehta, Presidency Magistrate, Fourth Court, on Monday, on a charge of depriving one Ranchhoddas Kara of Rs. 1,400 by giving him to understand that he would double the amount by magic.

The prosecution story is that the accused and the complainant knew each other, and that the accused used to visit the complainant at his residence at 3rd Kumbharwada. On the 2nd of April last, Murlidhar, it was stated, went to the complainant's room with another friend, and with some previous arrangement, took 140 currency notes of the value of Rs. 10/ each and placed them on 140 different blank pieces of paper. He then bundled them together and wrapped them with a piece of brown papor. Having done this, he asked the complainant to keep the package in his box and open it the next morning.

When the complainant opened the package on the following morning as asked by the accused, he found only 140 pieces of blank paper and no currency notes at all. He tried to find out the accused but could not see him anywhere for a long time. On the 4th ultimo, however, he came across the accused and got him arrested.

Mr. Muranjan, pleader appeared for the accused.

His Worship after hearing the case, discharged the accused for want of sufficient evidence.

MAHARASHTRA YOUTHS CONFERENCE

PRELIMINARY MEETING ON SUNDAY

It is proposed to hold a gathering of Maharashtra youths somewhere at the end of January 1928, in which Mahrattas of all creeds and castes are requested to take part. Women also are not excluded. A preliminary meeting for this purpose is to be held on Sunday (the 18th instant), at 4-30 p.m. at the rooms of Mr. Laljee Pendse Ganesh Building, Tara Temple Lane, Lamington Road. Those who are interested in this gathering are requested to attend by Messrs. Laljee Pendse and D. G. Savarkar and Miss Tara Tilak and Miss Piroj Anandkar. Suggestions regarding subjects to be taken up by the gathering are invited in advance.

BOYCOTT MEETING AT CONGRESS HOUSE

ALL-INDIA LEADERS TO SPEAK

A public meeting will be held at Congress House to-morrow (Saturday), at 6 p.m. when the following leaders will speak on Boycott of the Statutory Commission. Dr. Ansari, President elect of the Madras Congress is expected to be present at the meeting. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will preside.

Speakers:—Hakim Ajmal Khan, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, M. L. A., Mr. J. M. Mehta, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Maulana Mahommed Ali, and others.

LORD HEADLEY

ARRIVES IN BOMBAY TO-DAY

A meeting of prominent Musalmans of Bombay was held in the office of Mr. Mahamedally Allabux, at which a strong reception committee was formed to accord a grand welcome to the Muslim Peer, who is coming to-day by the s.s. "Kaiser-i-Hind" to preside over the Tabligh Conference in Dehi.

BYE-ELECTION IN FAVERSHAM?

(Free Press Beam Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Government are faced with the prospect of immediate bye-election in Faversham owing to the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Granville Charles Hastings Wheler, Baronet, who held it in Conservative interests. Sir Charles was returned at the last general election by a majority of over 5000 votes. Faversham is a constituency in Kent.

FREE PRESS LATEST

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Miss Gleitze has again postponed her intention to swim across the straits of Gibralter.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Lord Sandhurst was taken ill in the House of Lords last night.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Severe cold weather conditions prevail. Half of Great Britain is reported to be under snow.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

M. Paderwski. the famous Polish pianist has injured his finger.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

London's mystery man suspected of being a spy has been sentenced to one month' imprisonment, and it has been further ordered that he shall be deported from the country on the expiry of the sentence.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The British American Tobacco Co.'s profit exceeds six millioun pounds.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Report has been received of the shooting of six Russians by the Canton Governmen for alleged complicity in the recent out break.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Dog-racing is increasing in popularity at the Wembley course. The management have designed a new members' enclosure to meet increasing demand.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

A report has been received of a bomb outrage at Tunis as an act of vengeance.

THANA MUNICIPAL BYE-ELECTION

A KEEN CONTEST

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Dec. 13.

The bye-election of the Thana Municipality falls on the 17th instant. This bye-election is caused by the resignation of their respective seats by the Hon. Mr. G. B. Pradhan from Ward No. 2 and by Mr. Dagdu Pandu from Ward No. 1. Two pleaders are vying with each other to capture the seat vacated by the Excise Minister. One of them, Mr. G. G. Pradhan is the son of the Minister and naturally desires to occupy the seat vacated by his father. The other Mr. S. M. Abhyankar, is one who had appeared along with Mr. Ferreira, Solicitor, on behalf of the late Mr. Bhave in the famous Bhave-Patwardhan case of Thana.

For the other seat vacated by Dagdu Pandoo, there are three candidates: Mr. N. B. Wadhavkar, Mr. Tata and Mr. W. N. Ruikar, Pleader, Thana. There is a keen competition between these three candidates and neck-to-neck fight is expected. But, it is generally believed that Mr. Ruikar will win the laurels.

CHARITABLE DISPENSARY

On Saturday, the 10th instant, the opening ceremony of the Gangubai Vithal Sayana Charitable Dispensary was performed on the grounds of Shri Datta Temple, Bombay Road, by the Honourable Mr. G. B Pradhan, the Minister of Excise and Forests. It was a great gathering representing all communities and a fairly good number of guests present took part in the proceedings by congratulating Mr. Vithal Sayana for the proper use he was making of his well-earned wealth. Mr. Sayana has also built a magnificent hall which is going to be the Town Hall of Thana. In this hall will be located a Free Reading Room and a library for those who care to have the benefit of such institutions. It is significant to note in this connection that Mr. Sayana had to wait for more than a year before he obtained the necessary permission from the Revenue authorities to erect the two buildings now constituting the Dispensary and the Public Hall, respectively, and this fact came in for some comment and castigation at the hands of the Excise Minister.

TERDESAI MEMORIAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Yesterday, the B. J. High School found themselves fitted against the Friends Union C.C., the last year's cup-winners and undoubtedly a superior team in all respects. The school boys had to fight against heavy odds and they fought bravely and came out with flying colours to the great delight of the audience.

SYDENHAM COLLEGE DAY

The College Day Gathering of the Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics will be held at the College premises on Monday (19th instant) at 6 p.m. Dewan Bahadur Harilal D. Desai, Minister of Education, will preside.

STATUE OF PRINCE OF WALES

The ceremony of unveiling the Statue of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will be performed by His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, Governor of Bombay near the Bandstand, Cooperage, Bombay on Tuesday, 20th instant at 5 p.m.

LATEST COTTON QUOTATIONS

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	Dec. 15.
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Difference	+.12
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BOMBAY RACES

WINTER MEETING: SECOND DAY

The following are the acceptances for the Second Day of the Bombay Winter Meeting, to be held on Saturday, December 17:—

THE HAMADAN PLATE.—(Div. I.). Distance: 6 furlongs.

Winner, Rs. 1,500; second. Rs. 500; third, Rs. 250. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

White Silk 8-13; Bedia 8-12; Moohario 8-10; Namoos 8-10; Mr. Pickwick 8-9, Murbarak II. 8-9; Vibgyor (late Hidhid) 8-6; Peach 8-6; Good Gold 8-6; Tientsin 8-6; Aradin 8-6; Wazir 8-6; Khalil Beg 8-6; Meerjan 8-6; Surs 8-6; Durham 8-6; Sadoola 8-5; Alma 8-4; Nassrat 8-2; Feedoo 7-10; and Mongolia 7-7.

THE THANA PLATE.—(Div. I.). Distance: 1 mile.

Winner, Rs. 1,500; second, Rs. 500, third, Rs. 500. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

Ghurfa 9-4; Gentle Prince 8-13; Kurvir (late Jaffer-ul-Tair) 8-11; Abu-al-Fatooh 8-11; Saifulzaman 8-10; White Silk 8-10; Valentine 8-10; Rajeb 8-9; Baig 8-8; Mercury 8-6; Khurshed 8-3; Demisk 8-3; Ganam 8-3; Wazir 8-3; Lucky Boy (late Aslan Beg) 7-11; Shogun 7-11; Royal 7-8; and Roulette 7-8.

THE HAMADAN PLATE.—(Div. II.). Distance: 6 furlongs.

Winner, Rs. 1,500; second, Rs. 500; third, Rs. 250. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

Mukden 9-4; Gog 9-4; Apples 8-13; Garibaldi 8-13; Shamsuzzaman 8-13; Company 8-12; Waterloo II (late Nayeb) 8-10; Karikata 8-10; Roumania 8-10; Baig 8-9; Shylock 8-9; Chaldean 8-9; Bay Ronald 8-7; Frangool 8-6; Grande 8-6; Golden Sun 8-4; Sarhan II 8-4; Sooraj 8-0; Voyon 7-13; Indian Gold 7-13; Najee 7-13; and Lania 7-7.

THE WAVERTREE HANDICAP. Distance: 1 miles.

Winner, Rs. 4,000; second, Rs. 1,250; third, Rs. 750. A Handicap for Horses in Classes II and III.

Chrysolite 9-10; Talaat Bey 9-2; Bridault 8-13; Polychrome 8-11; Blyth Bachelor 8-2; Lucky Man 8-0; Pursued 7-10; King's Yellow 7-10; Prose and Verse 7-7; Shiva Kumari 7-6; Radha Piari 7-4; Nougat 7-4; Sinhagad 7-4; and Co-respondent 7-0.

THE IRWIN CUP. Distance: 1 1/4 miles.

A Cup value Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 5,750 from the Fund. Winner, the Cup and Rs. 3,500; second, Rs. 1,500; third, Rs. 750. A Handicap for Arabs in Classes I and II.

Hilaluzzaman 10-2; Dilawar 9-9; Jodi 8-11; Hashash 8-8; Tiger King 8-8; Bucknell 8-6; Silver Thrush 8-6; Rarity 8-6; Maneck Beg 8-3; Rehearsal 8-2; Mijrin 7-10; Taimurlung 7-10; Cheerful 7-10; Kadir Hajaz 7-10; Arabian Star 7-9; Belan 7-8; Najlan 7-8; Savage 7-5; Shamsoonder 7-5; Shivaji Prasad 7-5; Azedin 7-3; Mooltan 7-2; and Sultan Beg 7-0.

THE KABUL PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

A Cup value Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 14,000 from the Fund, winner, the Cup and Rs. 9,000; second Rs. 3,000; third, Rs. 2,000. A Handicap for Horses in Classes I and II.

Leinster Wonder 9-5, Woodstock II 9-2, Wooer 9-2, Melesigenes 9-0, Portsoy 8-12, Stone Marten 8-11, Heera Mahal 8-8, Vesington Planet 8-6, Joe's Luck 8-3, Invinola 8-2, Santock 8-2, Starboard 7-11, Henrietta 7-2, Flying Steve 6-13 and P's and Q's 6-12.

THE STOCKTON PLATE.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Winner Rs. 3,000; second Rs. 1,000; third Rs. 500. A Handicap for Horses in Classes III and IV.

Poor Seats 9-6, Lady Junior 9-1, Golden Wattle 9-0, Radha Piari 9-0, Nougat 9-2, Modesty 8-10, Gangasagar 8-9, Glen Tree 8-7, Theona 8-5, Ismet 8-5, Headstrong 8-1, Meena 8-0, Jubilant 7-8, Knight's Cross 7-8 and Brannockstown 7-6.

THE THANA PLATE. Div. II.—Distance 1 mile.

Winner Rs. 1,500; second, Rs. 500; third Rs. 250. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

Bahadurjung 9-3, Gog 9-1, Sarsam 9-1, Saad Salaam 9-1, Shahzaman 8-11, Company 8-11, St. Andrew's Eve 8-10, Maharaja 8-10, Haboob 8-10, Karikata 8-10, Roi de Lair 8-10, Shamsuzzaman 8-10, Noman 8-8, Gari-ul-mulk 8-3, Aradin 8-3, Alder II (late Alder in Iraq) 7-11, Murtaban 7-8 and Kubeshan 7-8.

SURPRISE FOR BOMBAY CITIZENS

ARRIVAL OF FLYING-BOATS

REMARKABLE FEATURES OF SEAPLANES

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

Four flying boats of R.A.F. Far Eastern flight arrived here from Karachi this afternoon and after circling over the city alighted gracefully in the harbour opposite the R.I.M. Dockyards. They did the journey of 560 miles from Karachi to Bombay in seven hours and the Air Vice Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond, who was a passenger in one of the boats said it was one of the most perfect passages he had ever made. By the courtesy of Group Captain Cave-Brown Cave, the leader of Flight, a representative of the Associated Press was permitted to board and inspect one of the boats.

REMARKABLE FEATURES

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the flying boats is their lightness. Built of a special metal called duralumin stronger than yet lighter than steel a boat weighs only about five and a half tons. Needless to say every article aboard her is constructed of the lightest material and the cooking stove, the lockers and the way in which the beds are constructed is extremely ingenious. Another surprising feature is the amount of space inside the body of the boat. Besides providing facilities for cooking, sleeping, etc., it ensures adequate ventilation and protection of crew while on board in tropics. The boat's crew consists of two officers and two airmen. It is capable of flying eight hundred miles at a stretch in ten hours and with its wireless apparatus can despatch a message to a ditance of six hundred miles.

The flying boats, it is understood, will remain in Bombay for twelve days and then proceed to Colombo via Mangalore. The cruise to Far East will include visits to Singapore, Australia and Hongkong, after calling at Colombo and Calcutta. The flying boats left England on the 17th October and the cruise will occupy about a year, the object being to gain experience in regard to flying boats.—A.P.

NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATES

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

The Tenth Session of the National Liberal Federation will be held at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Public Hall, Mayo Road, Fort, Bombay, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 27th, 28th and 29th December.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru will preside. The Bengalee delgates will be accommodated in private houses and Mr. S. G. Banerjee has kindly undertaken to look after their comforts.

Delegates from the Punjab, United Provinces, the Central Provinces and Madras will be put up in local hotels in which reserved accommodation will be provided.

As regards the delegates hailing from the several districts of the Bombay Presidency, it is found by past experience that they do not generally avail themselves of the accommodation provided by the Reception Committee. The Committee, therefore, do not propose to make any arrangements for their accommodation unless such delegates communicate with the Honorary Secretaries on or before the 20th instant, what accommodation they require.

Intending delegates are requested to inform the Honorary Secretaries of the Federation at Alice Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, the date of their arrival in Bombay and the period of their stay in the city.

Delegation fee is Rs. 3.—A.P.

U. S. CRUISER EXPANSION PLAN

JAPAN UNPERTURBED

(Free Press Beam Service.)

TOKYO, Dec. 14.

Japanese diplomatic circles are unperturbed by United States plans for expansion of its cruiser programme.

M. STALIN'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SOVIET

FURORE OVER LETTER REPORTED TO BE FORGERY

(Free Press Beam Service.)

Controversy is raging over the authenticity or otherwise of a letter alleged to have been written by M. Stalin and containing a number of hostile expressions of opinion and intentions against the Soviet Government as now in power. The letter has found publicity through the sale to an Anglo-American agency of the same by an unknown Hungrian journalist. On the one hand it is vigorously asserted that the letter is a pure forgery from beginning to end, while others claim that it is a genuine document.

NOTICE TO "Chronicle" Agents.

It is already notified that the "Bombay Chronicle" is issuing an ART ILLUSTRATED CONGRESS SPECIAL NUMBER in the 3rd week of this month and the price fixed is Annas Eight per copy. All the "Chronicle" Agents are hereby requested to reserve the number of copies they require for sale before the 15th inst. after which date the Office does not guarantee to supply copies owing to great demand.

Bombay, Dec. 10.

SALES MANAGER,
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The Bombay Chronicle.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1927.

A BUREAUCRAT'S BLUSTER.

The "Times of India" published yesterday a two-column article on the Boycott Party. The writer of the article modestly remains behind the screen and purports to offer the "Reflections of a Bureaucrat" on the boycotters of the Commission. The reflections are certainly worthy of a bureaucrat, they are so un-Indian. The writer begins by falling foul of the organisers of the last Bombay meeting, which has evidently upset him. He relieves himself with the thought that, while "the meeting has come and gone, the skies have not fallen." Nor will the skies fall even if empires or Commissions come and go. The author does not even attempt to meet the arguments of the boycotters except by repeating the Cabinet's voice. He is after all a bureaucrat. In his own characteristic way, he essays "to analyse the motives that have inspired so intriguing an opposition" to the Commission. But even this analysis leads him nowhere beyond calling the Bombay leaders names. One leader is "astute," another "a pale sentimentalist" and so on. "A different individual motive," he says, "could be as easily discovered for any other of the devoted band of leaders who have joined hands over the body (sic) of the Statutory Commission." "Even Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, that hard headed and soft-hearted son of India, has his own little axe to grind on this political whetstone." One can imagine now the bureaucrat's bankruptcy of clean arguments when he has only to fall back on railing at respectable Indian leaders, and incidentally one may see the bureaucratic way of judging Indian leaders.

When the writer attempts at anything like an argument he is amusingly puerile. Assuming what is not true that at the second Bombay meeting few laid any "stress on the alleged insult to India," the writer jumps to the following theory: "It is clear that there is no intensity of feeling on that in the hearts of at least the majority of leaders. They include in their number several knights and not one of them has even suggested returning his badge of knighthood, which would have been the only honourable course open to anyone who thought that the Government at whose hands he had received it was offering a deliberate insult to his country. That would have been a 'beau geste' indeed and would have appealed far more vividly to their followers than any number of public meetings and political manifestoes. But the sacrifice was evidently too great and one must conclude that the feeling of insult was too shallow." The bureaucrat is evidently chagrined that the titles have not deadned the self-espect of all leadrs. He is welcome to his fanciful theory but it may be remembered that there are ways and ways of vindicating one's self-respect and of dealing with the titles. Some formally renounce the titles, others simply ignore them as being not worth the fuss of renouncing them, but all are agreed on ignoring the Commission.

Waxing eloquent over the "immense sacrifices" of the British in the past and in the present "for the good of this country," our bureaucrat quotes with admiration a statement of Sir Charles Innes that "there is hardly a stone in India with the blood of an Englishman." It is not yet so and we hope it will not be so but it would be more true to say that there is not a spot in all India where the masses are not bled white and blue in order to fatten the military Moloch. But that is by the way and our bureaucrat is primarily responsible for the digression. He makes a significant admission with regard to the composition of the Commisson. He says: "Speaking not as a bureaucrat, but as a well-wisher of India I would be prepared to accept the disadvantages of a mixed commission for the sake of drawing all India into a common partnership for giving the Commission utmost possible assistance in solving the problem of India's future." But it is too late now and the writer knows it. Besides, his solicitude for common partnership is only a poser. For he adds: "I would favour a mixed Commission, despite its drawbacks, if it is in any way possible to create a scheme of Indian representation that would satisfy all parties in this country. Whether this is possible or not is a doubtful point, but I challenge the boycott party to produce such a scheme. Will they accept the challenge?" Here is the true bureaucratic touch. The writer pretends to accept a mixed Commission on the assumption that the Indians would not agree on a common scheme. But he might have spared himself the ridiculous bluster of a challenge. The Cabinet has already thrown down the gauntlet and India has picked it up. And in spite on all the bureaucracy may do to thwart her, India will have her scheme ready in time and without allowing herself to be cross-examined by the Simon Commission. Bureaucrats who talk of challenges would do well to remember that a mixed Commission has not been appointed just because Indians will then have a better chance of agreeing on a constitutional scheme and because the bureaucrats themselves will be found out.

CALUMNIATING INDIA.

If it was the object of those responsible for the production entitled "Souvenir of the Indian Empire" which was compiled for the benefit of the delegates to the Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine, that the over-seas medical men and scientists should carry away a very unflattering and false picture of the Indian people, they have succeeded remarkably well. So adroit is the manner of calumniating India employed in the "Souvenir" that the delegates, ignorant of the Indian view of the work of the Indian Medical Service and its ridiculous pretensions to having raised the standard of sanitation and hygiene in India, are likely to carry away the impression that a semi-savage people believing in some ante-diluvian indigenous systems of medicine refuse to be taught to cultivate "a public health conscience" as India's saviours in the I. M. S. "know it in th West." The "Souvenir" warns the delegates that "the growth of research has been in the past almost entirely due to the labours of men of the Indian Medical Service." It makes the offensive, false and grotesque assertion that "the introduction of Ayurvedic and Unani medicine has been. . . largely for purposes of political expediency." The "Souvenir" is in fact a propagandist diatribe against the indigenous systems of medicine and a ridiculous plea for keeping the teaching of medicine in India in European hands. Its authors have also the effrontery to assert that since the "Reforms" there is in India "a very full measure of local autonomy in health matters" and that "this has no doubt retarded the evolutionary process." This atrocious "Souvenir" is printed at the Indian tax-payers' expense. We hope some unofficial member of the Assembly will ask the Government of India whether they subscribe to the view advanced in it.

MAGNIFICENT WELCOME.

Bombay rose to the unique occasion on Wednesday and welcomed the first independent Asiatic monarch to visit India with a warmth of response which did not fail to strike His Majesty King Amanullah Khan. Since early Wednesday afternoon it looked as if on that day all roads led to the "Gateway of India." In tram, and in taxi, in omnibus and in the "tieca gharry" the gaily apparelled citizens of Bombay were seen hurrying towards Apollo Bunder to pay their respectful homage to the King of the Afghans, and his royal consort. It was, indeed, a gala day for Bombay and it reflects no little credit for the police arrangements that with good humour and an appreciations of the feelings of the surging crowd of humanity, each member of which wanted to have a "good look" at Royalty, our local "Bobbies" with a few exceptions kept excellent order throughout. It was a pity the route of the pocession could not be arranged in a manner which would have enabled the royal procession to pass through the real City of Bombay. But we hope during the all too brief stay which our royal visitors are making in this city they will have better and fuller opportunities of witnessing the great regard and esteem in which they are held.

THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY.

A prize of Rs. 500 is, we are informed, offered by H. H. the Maharajah of Jodhpur for the best design for a library proposed to be erected at Jodhpur. Interest in architecture has been, recently, distinctly noteworthy. The Jodhpur Durbar deserves to be congratulated on inviting competitions for the best design. It is, no doubt, meant as an encouragement and an opportunity for Indian architects. But it must be pointed out that the terms, as stated in the notice issued by the Superintending Engineer of the State, are likely to be misleading, if not actually unfair, to architects who seek the right opportunity. The notice makes no mention of a qualified achitect as an assessor. The situation or aspect of the site selected for the proposed library is not indicated. It is not clear whether the final details are to be, as they should be, prepared by the best designer. Nor is it clear that the result of the competition would be declared at a particular date. Probably, the Department of the State entrusted with the task is not fully aware of the requirements of qualified and competent architects. If that is, really, so, the Bombay Architectural Association can be easily approached and, we may be sure, it would be only too glad to offer any expert guidance the State may desire. Has the attention of the Bombay Architectural Association been drawn to the notice of the competition for Jodhpur? The Association had, we know, in a similar situation, on a former occasion acted with benefit to architects. We are confident, therefore, that it will not now hesitate to protect the architectural interests. The Superintending Engineer, evidently, desires for the proposed building "a certain amount of pretension to architectural beauty, preferably in the Indo-Saracenic style." This is, in itself, enough to forewarn the architects. We hope, therefore, that the Bombay Architectural Association will not, unnecessarily, delay the action which would elucidate the position of the architects. And we also hope the Jodhpur officials will ensure every facility and protection required for the advancement of Indian architecture in which H. H. the Maharajah of Jodhpur has displayed such noteworthy interest. True, we demand opportunities for Indian architecture. They must be, however, the right opportunities.

UNDER THE CONGRESS FLAG.

REPLIES TO "CHRONICLE" QUESTIONNAIRE

There is a universal desire in the country that all political parties should present a united front to the Government who have affronted the country by the appointment of the Simon Commission. With a view to focuss public opinion on this all-important question of the mobilisation of all parties under the Congress Flag, a questionnaire has been addressed to prominent persons of all political parties. We publish below the replies of the Hon. Mr. G.S. Khaparde and Mr. J. K. Mehta:—

Questions.	Mr. Khaparde's Replies.	Mr. J. K. Mehta's Replies:
1. What, if any, are the minimum changes in the Constitution and the present Council policy of the Congress which you think necessary to enable you or those who are not now members of the Congress to join the Congress?	(a) The Congress should be made a strictly political body. (b) Its platforms should afford room for all shades of public opinion in India. (c) All sartorial and other restrictions should be abolished. (d) The All-India Congress Committee would be a miniature Congress representing all parties in proportion to their members assembled. Its decisions should be determined by majority of votes. (e) Any resolution objected to by two-thirds of Hindus or Mahomedan members assembled should be dropped.	I do not think that it is necessary to effect any changes in the Constitution and the present Council policy of the Congress. Looking to the recent appointment of the Simon Commission, if anything is required, it is to tighten the Congress programme more and not to loosen it.
2. In view of the fact that the Congress is or should be thoroughly National, i.e., inclusive of all parties in the country and that its general policy must necessarily vary with time and circumstances, are you agreeable to the suggestion that minority parties should always remain in the Congress striving to convert it and the public to their views, but be at the same time free on grounds of conscientious objections, to propagate their views and act up to them when they think essential to do so?	Yes.	There is no restriction at present against minority parties joining the Congress and propagating their views to convert it to their own point of view. In fact, that is what happened with regard to the Swaraj Party founded by Deshbandhu Das an Pundit Motilal Nehru. It is equally open to the other parties to make a similar effort to convert the Congress to their views.
3. What other constructive suggestions would you offer further to improve the representative character of the Congress?	These should be made by the body mentioned in (d) above as the answer to Question 1.	The Congress was fully representative in the days of Non-co operation movement. If it has lost this character to some extent, it is because of the weakening of political agitation. Intensify political agitation and the Congress will again be fully representative.
4. What action, in addition to vigorous vocal protests and the formulation of the national demand, do you suggest for making the boycott of the Simon Commission effective?	I do not approve of the boycott and can make no useful suggestions. G. S. KHAPARDE. Amraoti, Dec. 10.	Propagation of Khaddar and Swadeshi intensively and putting into force such items of the original Non-co-operation programme as may be declared advisable by the Congress. J. K. MEHTA. Bombay, Dec. 14.

"NOT DEAD AS ARTISTS."

MUKUL DEY RETURNS HOME

THEIR MAJESTIES COMMAND INSPECTION

"I return, like, if I might say so, a banished Yakshha, back again to my country. I return after years of struggles and hard won but invaluable experience with the unimpeachable conviction that we, as a nation, are not dead, not dead as an artistic race," said Mr. Mukul Dey when interviewed by a representative of "The Chronicle" yesterday on his arrival from Europe. "The vital spark is," he added, "there. The fire, unextinguished and unextinguishable, is there, under the ashes of decades, perhaps, centuries, smouldering. The time, however, is not distant when the divine glow will attract universal attention." "I have travelled and I have seen and studied, first hand, in Europe, in America and in Japan the artistic masterpieces and the artistic conditions which enable me to estimate India's unique position in the world of art and its immense, I should say, infinite potentialies for artistic advancement. India has something to give, something genuine to give to the world." "I am not", he pointed out, "speaking merely of my own personal convictions, I regard them as unimpeachable, I am eager to communicate the feelings and ideas of those in Europe and America who are, not less eager than myself, ready and willing and waiting to help India to assert her artistic distinction and achieve her artistic mission in the world."

WORLD-WIDE STUDY.

Mr. Mukul Dey is not an unknown figure in Bombay. His work has been seen and appreaciated in all the important cities in India. In 1916 he visited Japan. He studied there with the reputed Japanese artists Messrs Yokoyama and Taikwan of Tokyo and Mr. Shimamura Kanzan of Yokohama. His work has, therefore, been known there also. He went, afterwards, to America where he studied etching. He has been elected a member of the Chicago Society of Etchers. He is, it may be mentioned, the first Indian to receive the honour. After his return, he worked on the portrait sektches, now published with a foreword by Sir John G. Woodroffe, and began studying the artistic monuments in the cave-temples at Ajanta, Ellora, Nasik and Bagh and similar places of artistic importance all over India. He, not long afterwards, left for England. He

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Notes of the Day.

Anxious About India.

The Tories in England are evidently getting anxious about India. What will happen? Will Britain be disturbed in the patriotic, selfless and self-imposed task of continuing to act as "trustee" for India or is the "dangerous doctrine" of democracy to be allowed to work havoc in India? But it is England's great good fortune that there are for her consolers and comforters at hand, Imperially-minded Britishers who have shaken the Pagoda tree in the East and are ready to declare from general experience what is good and not good for India. Mr. Wardlaw Milne, the ex-Bombay merchant, who is always to the fore in Parliament in damning Indian aspirations towards real self-government, assures a meeting of the United Club in London that democracy is a dangerous form of Government for India. He gives his reasons. Democracy requires a great deal of education and a great spirit of compromise. It will be a tragedy for England in the long run that people of the Wardlow Milne type should have missed obtaining the real education which should prevent them from being so arrogantly uncompromising the moment Indian reforms are mentioned.

The Call of Capitalism.

Like deep answering unto deep, the call of British capitalism to Indian capitalism to "save" India in these perilous times when the Indian masses are active through their "agitators" will perhaps receive immediate response. Dividend-hunting knows of no racial barriers, and the July meeting of the East Indian Section of the London Chamber of Commerce at which the spokesmen of British capitalism with investments in India made a valiant attempt to rope in their Indian confreres, has led, we are informed in a message from London, to continued negotiations with Indian business firms. How far the alliance will materialize itself it is difficult to predict, but it is not certainly easy for Indian businessmen, if they have a strain of patriotic feeling in them, to work in harmony with foreign interests whose avowed object is to gain firmer footing in this country so that they may be safe from the "danger" of legislative control from popular representatives, anxious to further the cause of genuine Swadeshi industries. We would earnestly advise those Indian businessmen who are likely to fall into the trap to consider carefully in what sense the proposed "Indian Chamber of Commerce in London" will be "Indian."

Broken Pledges.

Again and again have the American people assured the Fillipinos that they will be granted complete independence, America never having the idea of keeping the Phillipine Islands in subjection as an outpost of American Imperialism, a strong military and naval centre to guard American security. The islanders are, however, finding that these promises are made only to be repeatedly broken. Their apprehension that America means only to fool them, gains ground owing to the presence in American politics of a solid mass of White Supremacy-mongers who maintain that the Phillipinos will never be able to govern themselves simply because being non-White they lack the inherent capacity of self-rule. Miss Katherine Mayo in her frenzied attack upon the character and capacity for self-government of the Phillipines in that notorious book "The Isles of Fear" has provided the American Imperialists with a strong weapon in their campaign against the plucky islanders who are small in number but steady in their refusal to accept American domination. Their renewed demand for complete independence, headed as it is by President Quezon, the Speaker of the Phillipinos Senate and the most experienced and popular of the valiant band of Phillipine "agitators," cannot be satisfactorily met by the Coolidge Government only with sweet words of false sympathy.

Humiliting Position.

The humiliating position which India occupies at Geneva is well brought ont in the interim report issued by the Indian Delegation which "represented" this country at the Eighth Assembly of the League of Nations in September last. The Earl of Lytton, the Maharajah of Kapurthala and Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer make a vain effort to put a gloss over the ignominious position which India has as the only subject nation at the League, a nation which is denied the rigat of having one of its own countrymen to head its delegation. They declare that "Indian policy is determined on independent lines in those matters in which India really possesses an independent interest." We would like to know from the Delegation what is the extent of this "independent interest" allowed to India. The framers of the report do actually feel the awkwardness of the position in their confession later on in the report that "an actual liberty for the Indian Delegation to follow an independent policy corresponds to the liberty which it would exercise if the constitutional position of India, with the Empire, were different." This is precisely what public opinion in India has been emphasizing. What have the delegates been doing to impress upon their British "colleagues" that the constitutional position of India must undergo a radical and immediate change in status?

BHARATPUR ABDICATES TEMPORARILY?

COMMISSION'S WORK DOOMED?

TORY VIEW OF DEMOCRACY

DANGEROUS FOR INDIA

LONDON, Dec. 15.

"Democracy is a most difficult and dangerous form of Government for India" declared Mr. Wardlaw Milne, M. P. at a meeting of the United Club. "It requires a great deal of education". he said, "great spirit of compromise and communal spirit which are utterly wanting in Indians". He concluded by saying that whatever system the Statutory Commission brought about, there was no possibility of getting what might be regarded as a general franchise in India for years to come.

Major Attlee addressing his constituents of Limehouse said he would have hesitated to allow his name to go forward as a member of the Statutory Commission, if he was the only Labour member of Limehouse, but he know that the Labour interests of the people of Limehouse would be well watched in his absence.—Reuter's Special

C. P. FOR COMPLETE BOYCOTT

MANDATE TO M. L. C'S.

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 14.

The Hindustani Central Provinces Provincial Congress Committee has passed the following two resolutions:

"This Committee is of the opinion that the appointment of the Statutory Commission, when the country demanded through its accredited representatives in the Legislative Assembly a Round Table Conference, is a wanton insult to the Indian nation and violation of the principle of self-determination.

MANDATE TO CONGRESS PARTY M.L.C.'s

"Therefore, this Committee declares boycott of the Commission and calls upon all Congressmen in this province and the members of the Congress Party in the C. P. Legislative Council and the Assembly and the Council of State elected from this province not to participate in the activities of the Commission in any way.

"This Committee further urges all political parties of this province to unite in their condemnation and boycott of the said Commission."

RECONSTITUTION OF PROVINCES

The other resolution passed by the Committee, reads:—

"The Committee urges upon the Indian National Congress that in the Swaraj constitution for India either all Hindi speaking tracts namely the Punjab, Delhi, the U.P., Behar and Hindi C. P. be amalgamated into one province with separate subprovinces if necessary for facility of administration, or, if it is considered unwidely and impracticable and more than one Hindi speaking province is sought to be formed then Hindustani C. P. be made a separate province consisting of present fourteen districts and four Bundelkhand districts of the U.P., namely Jhansi, Banda, Jalom and Hamirpur."—Free Press.

VENUE OF NEXT CONGRESS

INVITATION FROM PUNJAB

LAHORE, Dec. 15.

The Punjab Congress Committee has unanimously resolved to invite the next session of the Indian National Congress to Punjab and requested the Congress to accept its invitation.—A. P.

STATUTORY COMMISSION AND BURMA PEOPLE'S PARTY

RANGOON, Dec. 15.

The Political Correspondent of the "Rangoon Times" writes to that paper that a conference of members of the People's Partf in the Burma Council mas held on the 13th instant at the headquarters of the Party when consideration was given to the question of the Party's attitude towards the Statutory Commission. No decision was reached. It is expected that further consideration will take place in February.—Free Press.

M. C. C. V. SCHOOLS COMBINED

HOME TEAM GOING STRONG.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Johannesburg.—In a two-day match between the M. C. C. touring team and Transvaal and Natal Schools Fifteen the latter batting first made 190. M. C. C. replied with 206 for 4 (Hammond 65 not out) before stumps were drawn for the day. —Reuter's Special.

OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL

Maharaja Saheb Shri Vijaydevji Bahadur of Dharampur, arrived in Bombay last evening and has put up at Dharampur House, Malabar Hill.

BOYCOTT COMMITTEE PROPOSED

PUNJAB KHILAFAT COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING IN JUMMA MUSJID.

LAHORE, Dec. 14.

At a meeting of the Working Committee of the Punjab Khilafat Committee held this evening, after four hours' discusion, it was decided to form a Royal Commission Boycott Committee for starting immediately boycott propaganda, with Dr. Mohammad Alam, M. L. C., as President and convener, and six others, with powers to co-opt. The Committee further decided to hold the first public meeting at Amritsar on the 16th December, after Jumma prayers, in the Jumma Mosque.

The Amritsar District Khilafat Conference held at Fatehgarh, under the presidentship of Chaudhri Afzalhaq, M. L. C., has resolved to boycott the Statutory Commission.—A. P.

BID FOR SELF-DETERMINATION

BENARES, Dec. 15.

A well-attended public meeting of the citizens of Benares was held last night to support the boycott of the Commission. Distinguished Congressmen, Liberals including Mr. Shicaprasad Gupta, Mr. Iqbal Narain Gurtu, Mr. P P K. Telang (ex. Editor, "New India") Mr. Shri Prakasa, Mr. Gaurishankar Prasad (Secretary, local Liberal League) and Hakim Mohamed Hussain were present and leaving Mr. Telang all spoke in support of the resolutions. Mr. Sampurnanand, presided.

Mr. Shivaprasad Gupta suggested that all parties should meet at Madras and formulate the minimum demand for which they should fight to the end. Resolutions that were passed say: "That this public meeting of the citizens of Benares wishes to place on record that no constitution for the future governance of India will be accepted by the people, in framing which representatives of the people of India have not full and free hand. While keeping this principle in view, this meeting condemns the clear and deliberate insult to the country implied in the non-inclusion of any Indian in the Simon Commission. This meeting calls upon the people to boycott the Commission completely and specially urges the non-official members of various legislatures to non-co-operate with it in any way. This meeting requests the Congress to place before the country a scheme for the complete boycott of the Commission. This meeting is of the opinion that time has arrived for framing the consutitution for the future government of the country and considers it necessary that representatives of various political parties should without delay adopt measures for preparing such constitution and getting it acted upon."—Free Press.

DR. S. A. KHAN ON SIMON SHOW

LABOUR AND COMMONWEALTH BILL

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 15.

Dr. Shafaat Ahmad Khan, M.L.C., returned to Allahabad yesterday after a visit of two and half months to England during which time he delivered no less than fourteen lectures before various public bodies and universities and also the all party conference of members of Parliament in the House of Commons and another meeting of Labour members of Parliament on 21st November. Dr. Khan interviewed by a representative of the Associated Press to-day regarding the Statutory Commission said he saw no possibility of any change in the constitution of the boycott agitation. He was inclined to think though it was highly regrettable that no Indian was appointed it was rendered inevitable by the unfortunate dissensions among themselves.

Dr. Khan wanted to remove the impression that had been created by the interview of Mrs. Annie Besant on her return to India. She had stated the Labour Party was committed to the Commonwealth of India Bill which provided for abolition of communal representation.

Dr. Khan said he was authorised by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Phillip Snowdon and Mr. Arthur Henderson to contradict that statement. The Labour Party as such had nothing to do with the Bill and was not likely to support it. Dr. Khan considered communal representation was absolutely safe.—A. P.

SIR G. WHELER DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Death has occurred of Sir Granville Wheler, a member of the House of Commons.—Reuter.

MAHARAJAH ACCEPTS COMMISSION

BUT INTENDS PRODUCING SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE

ALLEGED MACHINATIONS OF GOVT. OF INDIA OFFICIALS

STORMY DISCUSSION BETWEEN PRINCES AND POLITICAL SECRETARY

DELHI, Dec. 15.

The Political Corespondent of the "Hindusthan Times" writes: Now, definitely, it is understood that the Maharaja of Bharatpur has finally accepted the Government's offer of Commission. During the last few days, Delhi has been the rendezvous of various ruling Princes who have been constantly carrying on negotiations with Government in the matter. Among those who have been and are still in Delhi are the Maharaja of Patiala, the Maharaja of Bikaner, the Maharaja of Nawanagar and the Maharaja of Alwar. These princes also form the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes. It is also understood that the Maharaja of Kashmir is expected to arrive shortly in this connection.

BHARATPUR ACCEPTS COMMISSION

The Maharajai of Bharatpur, who left for Bharatpur yesterday, is said to have come to an abrupt decision in the matter, and after intimating to Government his intention of accepting the Commission left for his State. This is the first occasion in the history of Indian States that such a Commission has been accepted by any Ruling Prince. A further difficulty has risen in the matter, and that is that after considering the reply submitted by the Maharaja of Bharatpur, Government have asked that if a Commission of Enquiry must go into the whole question of finances and administration of Bharatpur State, the Maharaja of Bharatpur must temporarily be deprived of his powers as a ruler, that the work of the Commission may not be prejudiced. This procedure involves further the question as to what should be the nature of administration during the suspension of the present Maharaja and as to whether it is within the province of the Paramount Power to ask a Ruling Prince to agree to such a proposal.

PERSONAL OF COMMISSION.

It is further understood that the Commission has almost been selected. The Government procedure is to have two Princes, one member of the Political Department and one representative of the Government of India. On the Commission, the Maharaja of Alwar and the Maharaja of Bikaner are expected to be two members representing the Princes. The names of the Government of India officials are not known. The acceptance of the Commission by the Maharaja of Bharatpur is considered by the Ruling Princes generally as a sort of a test case to see what are the powers of the Rulers. It will be remembered that the Maharaja of Indore was offered a Commission of Enquiry, but the Maharaja preferred to abdicate.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE TO BE TENDERED?

The Maharaja of Bharatpur has evidently arrived at the decision after careful and prolonged deliberations between the various Indian potentates that were held at Kapurthala where the Maharaja of Bharatpur was also present. It is understood that the Maharaja of Bharatpur intends to produce very sensational evidence to show that the administration of the State was ruined by the machinations of the Government of India officials, and that much of the debt was due to the maladministration of the Regency Council. The decision of the Maharaja of Bharatpur is fraught with great potential developments, and Government's further action is awaited with interest.

STORMY DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN GOVT?

It is stated that the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes are having stormy discussions with the Political Secretary to the Government of India.

CIVIC ADDRESS TO H. M. AMANULLA KHAN.

TO BE PRESENTED TO-DAY.

It is finally settled that H. M. the King of Afghanistan will receive civic address of welcome this evening at 4-30 p.m. in the Municipal Corporation Hall. The Address Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation met on Thursday afternoon to make preliminary arrangements, viz., decoration of the hall and placing of the chairs for the visitors and councillors, etc. A few prominent citizens will be invited to attend the function while the south wing gallery will be reserved for the ladies. Invitations were to be issued by Thursday night. Dr. S. S. Batliwalla, the President of the Corporation, adjourned the meeting of the Corporation called on Thursday till Monday next to enable the Address Committee to make their arrangements.

C. P. MINISTERS.

TO ATTEND A I. C. C. AND CONGRESS

NAGPUR, Dec. 14.

The Ministers in the Central Pravinces have been elected members of the All India Congress Committee, Mr. Raghwendra Rao, from C.P. Marathi, and Mr. Ramrao Deshmukh, from Berar. They will attend the meetings of the Subjects Committee and of the Congress. A.P.

RELATION WITH COLOURED RACES

A LESSON FROM HISTORY OF INDIA

TASK BEFORE THE COMMISSION

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Sir Frederick Lugard was entertained at luncheon by the London Missionary Society. Referring to the forthcoming visits of the Commissions to India and East Africa, he said the relation with the coloured races was the greatest problem of the century. The old type of education produced the politically-minded class of African and increased the number of detribalised natives. "We must not have cause to regret that we learnt nothing from the history of India and South Africa. The solution to the problem lay in the creation of units of Native administration like those in Bechuana, Basuto and Swaziland, or protected Native States of India, developing their own institutions side by side with the alien communities but not under their control."—Reuter's Special.

HARVEY TO BE RELEASED

DECISION OF FRENCH GOVT.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Locker Lampson announced that the French Government had generously agreed to grant free release to Gardiffman John Harvey who was serving eight years' penal servitude in France for deserting from the Foreign Legion. Harvey was one of the five deserters headed by the American Doty. The latter had been sentenced to death and but had been since released. Harvey had been formerly in British service.—Reuter's Special.

ALL INDIA KHILAFAT CONFERENCE

SESSION IN MADRAS

MADRAS Dec. 14.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed M.L.C., Joint Secretary to the Reception Committee of the All-India Khilafat Conference Madras issues the following;

The Muslim public is already aware that the annual sessions of the All-India Khilafat Conference will be held in Madras during the Christmas Week, along with the Indian National Congress. The Central Khilafat Committee in their recent meeting held at Delhi have accepted the invitation of the Madras Presidency Khilafat Committee and have also confirmed the election of Moulvi Mohammed Shaffi Dawoodi M.L.A. of Bihar for the presidency. The actual date and time of of the Conference have not yet been finally decided. The tentative dates are 26th and 27th December.

The chairman of the Reception Committee is Maulana Moulvi Sayed Murtuza Sahib M.L.A. and the office of the secretaries is 60, Angappa Neik Street to which address all correspondence and communications should be addressed.—A. P.

The Ulsoor Tank, Bangalore about five miles from the city, was the scene of a drowning tragedy in which the body of a European lady named Miss Mcintosh of Austin town was found floating. The relations of the deceased identified her.—A. P.

I T MIGHT COST THE EMPIRE'

HERTZOG THREATENS SESSION

INTERFERENCE IN NATIVE AFFAIRS.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Johannesburg.—Speaking at a banquet General Hertzog uttered warning against any attempts from the overseas to interfere in the Native Affairs of South Africa and declared that if interference did not cease "it might cost Empire one day the greater part of what was today included in it in South Africa." Reuter's Special.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Johannesburg.—General Hertzog's speech has immediately assumed the proportion of a first class topic owing to the light it has shed on the most vital current problems as regards the native question. The Premier stated that otherwise well-meaning individuals in the overseas would be constantly attempting to interfere in the native affairs in South Africa. "There is no other question in which South Africa resents interference for obvious reasons. South African will not allow his future home happiness to be wrecked at the dictates of maudlin theorists 6,000 miles away. Such interference has caused great trek and nearly caused revolt in Natal many years ago. Although it does not concern the Union directly Native labour in South Africa was recently given prominence in the British House of Commons at question times in connection with the projected South Rhodesian legislation empowering the Native Commissioner to assume guardianship of certain native juvenile workers. Mr. Baldwin defended the measure as one beneficial to native children but foreshadowed a debate to ventilate the matter completely."

MOZAMBIQUE CONVENTION.

Another important point in Gen. Hertzog's speech related to the Mozambique convention between the Union and Portugal inter alia regulating the supply of native labour in Rand Mines which Portugal recently decided to denounce. The premier was hower sanguine that the matter would be regulated satisfactorily because Portuguese realised that respective interests would best secure friendly co-operation.—Reuter's Special.

DISEQUILIBRIUM IN PRICES

INDIAN AGRICULTURISTS WANT ORGANISATION

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Presiding over the League of Nations Union Conference at Guildhall, Sir Atul Chatterjee spoke on the work of the recent International Economic Conference. He said that both agricultural and industrial populations of India were suffering from the result of disequilibrium between the prices of agricultural products and the manufactured articles. The decrease in purchasing power of India's agricultural population, he declared, had not only depressed the textile and other industries in India but had seriously curtailed India's imports in these goods from countries like Britain. The remedies suggested by the International Economic Conference for agriculture might be summed up in one word organisation.—Reuter's Special.

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KING AMANULLAH'S DEPARTURE

FAREWELL SCENES AT KARACHI

WONDERFUL DEMONSTRATIONS

The Associated Press Special correspondent on board S.S. "Manela", sends the following report:—

We left Karachi port at 5 on Monday evening after wonderful farewell demonstrations at the docks. Thousands of workers lined the wharves and His Majesty the King of Afghanistan repeatedly waved his hat and hand in acknowledgment of people's enthusiasm. Another smart guard of Sherwood Foresters was drawn up at the departure pier and again the King made inspection. Just as His Majesty finished inspection a pretty incident occurred. A small boy dressed in white sprang from line of spectators and handed the King a book begging him to sign his name in it. The King for a moment looked puzzled. The request was explained to him and he gave his autograph, patted the little fellow's head and the youth at Karachi now possesses a rare signature of the ruler of Afghanistan. As the launch left the docks scores of dhows set sail and followed in its wake while two squadrons of the Royal Air Force flew high overhead. Three of the flying boats of the Far East Flight rose like hugh sea gulfs from the water and sailed in circles round the "Manela." Their apparently perfect control and graceful appearance was the theme of general admiration as they constantly dipped in salute as they circled the royal steamer. At the same time H.M.S. "Emerald" thundered forth a salute and the King who by this time had mounted the bridge was evidently greatly pleased with the honour paid him. Particularly happy too were the numerous red capped occupants of a large dhow which approaching close to the "Manela" loudly shouted cries of greeting which were specially acknowledged by the King. As anchor was weighed and ship slowly steamed off the scene was very beautiful and specially impressive when later on "Emerald" which escorted the "Manela" for some miles fired farewell salute and aeroplanes and flying boats disappeared in far distance.

ARRANGEMENTS ON "MANELA"

Arrangements on "Manela" have been excellent. The dining saloon has been cut in two so that Their Majesties have a private room for themselves and staff, while their special cabins are delightfully furnished in perfect taste. Nothing seems to have been forgotten by the British India Steam Navigation Company on this occasion. On the firts evening out Her Majesty and ladies in waiting dispensed with their veils they had been wearing in Karachi and after dinner His Majesty accompanied on piano some gramophone tunes in the music saloon proving that he has no ordinary ear for music. On Tuesday morning the use of sextant and compass was explained to him and accompanied by Captain Maples, the genial Captain of "Manela", he made a thorough inspection of the ship visiting the engine room and asking questions which proved that he is no mean observer. There is no doubt that the Afghan ruler is a man who thirsts for knowledge, possesses keen judgment, is a great judge of men, while he has a decided sense of humour. At the same time he is dignified as a King should be.

BROADCASTING

There is a broadcasting apparatus on the good ship "Manela" and on Tuesday a loud speaker was heard describing the arrival of the Royal Party at Chaman. The message, I am told, has been received from Calcutta as one of the suite remarked to me "It seems many hours now since we were in Afghanistan. So much has happened since we left our own frontier."

The visit to the Karachi Air Force Depot has evidently made a deep impression for a special message was delivered to the Wing Commander, Bone, expressing the keen pleasure His Majesty had felt on his visit. From "Manela" too a marconigram was sent to the Commander of the "Emerald" appreciating the salutes from that vessel and another was sent to Sir Charles Harrington at Quetta thanking him for the military and Royal Air Force reception from Chaman to Karachi. The replies which have been received indicate how much the messages have been appreciated by all ranks.

AT SPORT

Amongst other things His Majesty has practiced shooting at birds and fish with a gun and a rifle, has tried his skill at deck quiots and deck tennis and has well nigh exhausted the programme of sports which it is possible to indulge in at sea.

THE QUEEN AND HER PARTY

The Queen and the ladies of the court have, of course, a portion of the ship set aside as their private apartments. They have for the time, as I have said, come out of purdah and they are all dressing in European costume and enjoying unaccustomed exercise of promenading on ship's deck. Not the least important person on board has been the little son of Their Majesties Prince Rahimtullah Jan, dressed in white sailor suit like other boys of seven years. He has thoroughly enjoyed running about the decks.

SPONTANEOUS GREETINGS FROM ALL QUARTERS

His Majesty's secretaries have not been idle during the brief time the royal party have been India. At Chaman not less than 500 telegrams of welcome reached him from various quarters and the Marconi operators have had a very busy time on the ship during the last 48 hours. The news which reached "Manela" last night about the Viceroy's indisposition has been received with great concern by His Majesty and all on board and His Majesty at once made telegraphic enquiries after Lord Irwin's health.

As the good ship approached Bombay there was a general hope that the arrival programme prepared with such care might yet be carried on as arranged. At 12 o'clock the R.I.M. "Clive" met "Manela" and after firing the salute of 31 guns fell astern and followed us to Bombay. At 2 o'clock we had entered the harbour and learnt the news that the Viceroy was suffering from malaria and an enjoyable and brief voyage was at an end.

PATHANS AND THE POLICE

ADDRESSES TO HIS MAJESTY

The Pathan residents of Bombay about 1,500 in number presented addresses to His Majesty King Amanullah Khan on Thursday evening at the Afghan Consulate where the latter drove with the young Prince.

There was an exuberant manifestation of loyalty on the part of the crowd and of genuine affection on the part of His Majesty. Several people in the crowd played the Afghan bagpipe and other

A number addresses were read, mostly by individuals not representing any one organisation, to everyone of which His Majesty listened patiently and replied.

SAVE US FROM POLICE.

A Persian poet who had composed a poem in praise of His Majesty recited it

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

CORPORATION AND MUSLIM ADDRESSES

H. M. the King of Afghanistan will receive the address from the Muslim Reception Committee to-day (Friday) morning, at 9 a.m. His Majesty will receive the Corporation address at 4-30 to-day (Friday) in the Corporation Hall and then proceed to the Garden Party given by the Anjuman-i-Islam.

On Saturday morning at 10 a.m. His Majesty will receive, at Governmnet House, addresses from the Anjuman-i-Madhavia, the Iran League, and the Muslim Students' Union.

amidst loud applause and earned the acknowledging smiles of the King.

His Majesty could do to take his leave of the immense gathering in time for the garden party at Government House—such was the height of enthusiasm prevalent on the occasion.

The burden of the song in practically all the addresses appeared to be: "Save us from our friends—the police. They are giving us needless attention."

King Amanullah Khan expressed his concern at the fact that his subjects in Bombay had invited on themselves so much attention from the police. He strongly advised them to rehabilitate themselves in the estimation of the police and if even after that the police did not change their attitude he would take up the matter with the Governor.

GIRL GUIDES RALLY

INSPECTION BY LADY IRWINE

Six hundred girl guides representing the whole of the Bombay Presidency gave a rousing welcome to Her Excellency Lady Irwin at their Annual Rally held on the Cooperage on Thursday morning. Long before the arrival of Her Excellency, khaki-clad Guides and Guiders streamed in continuously and the Cooperage presented a lively and picturesque appearance. The Indian companies in their pretty blue saris were very conspicuous, and added charm to the whole assembly. From the beginning to end, the rally was very impressive, and reflected no little credit to the orgasisers and the Guides, and showed in no small measure the progress done by the Girls Guides Movement in the Presidency. A spacious dias was specially erected for Her Excellency and the guides took up their positions in a hollow square facing it.

On arrival at the Cooperage, Lady Irwin was met by Lady Ford (Bombay Divisional Commissioner) who presented Mrs. C. M. Eastley, Provincial Commissioner, Bombay Girl Guides. A guard-of-honour was provided by representatives of every district. Mrs. Kendrew, Mrs. Sampson, Miss Rustomjee, Miss Bevis and Mrs. Shand, District Commissioners for the Fort, Thana, Byculla Girgaum and Bandra respectively were then presented to Her Excellency who preceded by the Provincial Standard Colour Party and accompanied by Mrs. Eastley and Lady Ford, inspected the guides.

INTERESTING DISPLAYS.

Her Excellency then witnessed several interesting displays given by the various districts. Girgaum gave an efficient display of signalling, and this was followed by a splendid ambulance show by the Thana District. The demonstration of physical exercises given by the Byculla District was very spectacular. The representative of the Fort gave some charming folk-dances, and Bandra distinguished itself in singing. All the display were well gone through indeed and fully deserved the applause they received from Her Excellency.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

At the conclusion of the display the Provincial Commissioner requested Her Excellency to present the medal of merit which had been awarded by the Imperial Guide Headquarters to two of their Guiders. This medal is presented to a Guide who does her duty exceptionally well, though without grave risks to herself. Miss Sherene Rustomjee, Byculla District Commissioner and Mrs. Captain, Bandra District Secretary, then received their medals at the hands of Her Excellency, who pinnd them on their breasts.

Lady Ford then thanked Her Excellency on behalf of the Bombay Guides Association for the honour she had conferred on the Guides of Bombay by being present at their rally. She realised that this was no easy matter to one whose time was so fully occupied as Her Excellency's was in this city, and she concluded by calling for three cheers for Lady Irwin to which the Guides responded heartily.

After singing the National Anthem the function terminated.

KING AMANULLAH AT JUMA MASJID

The public are informed that to-day when His Majesty the King of Afghanistan attends the Juma Masjid the following roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic and will be reserved for public purposes.

From 11 a.m. until after His Majesty has left the Masjid.

Princess Street—East of Girgaum Road, Sheik Memon Street and Janjikar Street.

LADY IRWIN AT HAFFKINE'S INSTITUTE

Her Excellency Irwin paid a visit to the Haffkine Institute at Parel on Thursday morning. Lady Irwin was accompanied by Lady Wilson and Lieut.-Col. H. H. Thorburn (Surgeon to H. E. the Viceroy) and was received by Lieut.-Col. F. P. Mackie and Dr. Margaret Balfour. Her Excellency first saw the Research Laboratory where, two years ago, Dr. Balfour began her investigations on maternal mortality in children in India with particular reference to the anaemias of pregnancy. Her Excellency showed a considerable interest in this and in various specimens of blood tsts and the growth of parasites. After a long and interested stay in this section, Lady Irwin visited the collection of poisonous snakes from which venom is extracted for the manufacture of anti-venomous serum.

ILLUMINATION IN MUSLIM LOCALITIES

THOUSANDS REPAIR TO DONGRI MAIDAN

In anticipation of His Majesty's arrival at Dongri last night the houses in the Muslim localities, especially those on the route were gaily decorated and illuminated. Thousands of people repaired to the Dongri and when they were told that His Majesty would come there next morning they seemed to be very much disappointed. The building of the Anjuman-i-Islam where a garden party and address are to be given to His Majesty this evening beautifully illuminated.

DELHI RIOT CASES FOR REGULAR HEARING

DELHI, Dec. 15.

First Delhi Riot Cases came up before Mr. Issar, Special Magistrate, for the first time for regular hearing. Orders were pronounced by the learned Magistrate on the bail applications made by 55 accused. The Court rejected applicatons of all but that of Mohammed Ishaq, accused, who is blind. In rejecting the bail applications of 54 accused the Magistrate observed Mr. Abdul Aziz, defence counsel, had himself admitted that the mob had become an unlawful assembly after it disobeyed the City Magistrate's orders. Mr. Nur Ahmed, another defence counsel had also admitted that the mob numbered many thousands. The Court further added that offences were non-bailable. Hence bail could not be accepted. Protection evidence was then recorded. Accused were for the first time summoned to Court. The whole day was spent in recording evidence of Colonel Batty, Assistant Civil Surgeon, Delhi. His evidence was not yet over, when the Court rose for the day.—Free Press.

A new comet is expected to appear on the European sky on the 19th.—Free Press Beam Service.

IN MEMORY OF LAUNCHING S. S. "JALABALA"

MR. PATEL PRESENTED WITH SILVER SALVER.

ADVICE TO INDIAN SHIPPING COMPANIES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.

There was a representative gathering present this evening at the offices of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., when Mr. Narottam Morarji, the Chairman of the Company, presented Mr. V.J. Patel a silver salver in commemoration of his launching of the s.s. "Jalabala" at Glasgow in July last

Amongst those present were Sir Lallubhai Samaldas, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Sir Dinshaw Wacha, Mr. B. F. Madon, Mr. Walchand Hirachand and Mr. S. A. Brelvi

MR. PATEL'S INTEREST IN INDIAN MERCANTILE MARINE.

In welcoming the guest of the evening and presenting him the silver salver, Mr. Narottam Morarji said:

"My Board and I are sincerely grateful to Mr. Patel who is the first Indian to hold the distinguished office of the President of the Assembly, for the trouble he took in launching the ship. It was in no way a small matter for Mr. Patel to have gone to Glasgow at a great personal inconvenience in the midst of his heavy programme in London to inaugurate the launching of the first of our new steamers to ply from those shores. The speech, which he then delivered, is a sufficient indication of his deep concern for the subject of Indian Mercantile Marine and I have no doubt that you are all convinced that no better case could have been made to convince any one of the necessity of an Indian Mercantile Marine than that made by him in his memorable speech. My only regret is that in the President of the Indian Legislative Assembly, we have lost one of our best countrymen, who I am sure, would have, as a member of that body, exerted his very best in championing the establishment and development of the National Mercantile Marine."

CONSOLIDATION OF INDIAN SHIPPING FORCES.

Replying, Mr. Patel acknowledged in suitable terms the kind references to him. Referring to his speech at Glasgow on the occasion of the lauching of the "Jalabala". Mr. Patel said his speech on the occasion had met with criticism, both favourable and unfavourable, He only wished to say that he had carefully weighed all that he had said on the occasion and he stood by every word he had uttered today. He would not withdraw a word from what he had said. After a tribute to Scindia's enterprise, Mr. Patel suggested that though the number of Indian shipping companies was small, they should all combine and take concerted action to promote their interest. Consolidation of Indian shipping forces would prove effective in the advancement of their cause.

The film taken on the occasion of the launching of the "Jalabala" was then screened for the benefit of the guests.

The successful function came to a close after the guests were entertained to light refreshments.—Free Press.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BURMA

RANGOON, Dec. 14.

A Burma Gazette Extraordinary issued this evening gives the programme of the departure of the present Governor and the arrival of the Governor Designate, Sir Charles Innes. Sir Harcourt Butler will leave Government House at 10-30 a.m. on the 20th instant, the departure being public. Sir Charles Innes arrives here on Monday 19th December the arrival being private. An hour after the departure of Sir Harcourt Butler from the Government House, Sir Charles Innes will leave the Government House and proceed in state to the Legislative Council Chamber where oaths of allegiance and office will be administered to him by the Chief Justice. After this ceremony he will proceed to the Corporation Chamber where an address of welcome will be presented to him by the Corportion.

It is understood Sir Harcourt Butler is proceeding from Burma to India.—A. P.

STATES COMMITTEE

BURMA GOVERNOR TO ACT AS SECRETARY

RANGOON, Dec. 15.

The Associated Press understands His Excellency Sir Harcourt Butler on retirement from Governorship on 20th December will proceed to Delhi to undertake the chairmanship of the Committee to report upon the relationship between the Paramount Power and the Native States with particular reference to the rights and obligations arising from treaties, engagements, sanads etc. and to inquire into the financial and economic relations between the British India and the States and to make any recommendations that they may consider desirable and necessary for their more satisfactory adjustment. It was announced by the Viceroy at the State Banquet at Rajkot on November 23 that such a committee would shortly be appointed.—A. P.

GOVT. MEMBERS AND SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION OF PROCEDURE

IS NOTICE ASKED FOR SHELOING QUESTION?

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

At today's sitting an important question of procedure was raised when Mr. Jitendralal Bannerji, a prominent Swarajist, stated that under the rules and standing orders Government members and ministers were bound to answer supplementry question for which they wanted notice. He complained that this practice was never followed and the result was that some two hundred supplementary questions that were asked at the last session of the Council and for which members on the Treasury benches wanted notice remained unanswered. He pointed out that separate notice was required for these questions.

The President said these supplementary questions must be answered in the same session.

Rai Harendranath Choudhri submitted that the supplementary question put on Tuesday and for which the Hon'ble Member for Government asked notice should be answered at today's meeting.

WANTED: TIME TO CONSIDER.

The Maharaja of Nadia, the leader of the House intervening said these supplementary questions put only yesterday could not be answered to-day as Government members will have to consider them.

The opposition members pointed out that the rules were mandatory and gave no discretion to the Government members.

Mr. Fazlul Haq asked: Will the Hon. members confess that notice is asked for to shelve questions?

After some discussion, President promised to go into the matter thoroughly and see that Government members did not shirk their duty. It would now be waste of time to discuss the question further.

Mr. Saratchandra Bose protested against the expression 'waste of time' in reference to discussion on an important point of procedure.

The question hour which followed was lively.—Free Press.

ALL OVER GIRLS

MOPLAH YOUTH'S RAID ON CIRCUS PARTY

MADRAS, Dec. 15.

The Indian circus playing at Mannarghat Town, well-known scene of Moplah rebellion was raided by Moplahs, says the Calicut correspondent of the "Madras Mail," on the night of the 12th instant. The troupe included some Thiyya girls, aged between 16 and 18, who on arrival at the place are alleged to have attracted the attention of a very wealthy moplah youth. His overtures having been contemptously rejected, the youth organised a party and while the performance was progressing on Wednesday night broke into the tent and commenced rioting, threw stones at gaslights and created confusion and terror. The proprietor of the Circus armed himself with revolver to protect the girls. The police soon arrived on the scene. The Moplahs were trying to force their way to where the girls were. Then hand to hand fight took place between members of the troupe and the Moplahs and shots were fired by the police. Moplahs then began to retreat but the Moplah youth however made an attempt to slab the Inspector who threatened to shoot him if he advanced another step. The circus party is under police protection.—Free Press.

IN FAVOUR OF NEW PRAYER BOOK

MOTION CARRIED IN LORDS

(Free Press Beam Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Lively scenes were witnessed in the House of Lords yesterday on the occasion of the debate on the motion of the Archbishop of Canterbury is favour of the new prayer book. The House of Lords carried the motion by a majority of 153.

ACHARYA GIDWANI JOINS KARACHI MUNICIPALITY

KARACHI, Dec. 15.

Acharya Gidwani of Gujarat Vidyapith fame and ex-Principal of Delhi College and Brindaban College, was last night appointed Administrative Officer of the School Board, Karachi Municipality, vice Mr. Pradhan who was made to retire before reaching 55 years age limit by a few months.—Free. Press.

RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA

MOVE BY SENATOR BORAH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

Senator Borah, it is understood, has expressed his intention of asking the American Congress to reconsider the question of resuming diplomatic reations with Soviet Russia and recognise that Government.

This is taken as an indication of the growing feeling in the United States that continued refusal to recognise the Soviet is a wrong-headed policy and detrimental to larger American and international interests.—Free Press Beam Service.

DISTURBANCES IN KOREA

CHINESE CITIZENS ASSAULTED

A WAR OF RETALIATION

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Tokyo.—Serious disturbances had broken out in South Korea. Koreans are boycotting the Chinese in relation against oppression of the Koreans by the Chinese in Manchuria. Several Chinese have been assaulted and many Chinese houses have been destroyed. Numbers of Chinese are fleeing to Manchuria. The police, gendarmes and reservists have been mobilised.—Reuter.

THIRTEEN RUSSIANS ARRESTED

CANTON, Dec. 14.

The Cantonese Government has arrested thirteen Russians responsible for recent troubles. They have shot three and the remainder are being paraded through the city, prior to their execution.—Reuter.

HOSPICE COMPLETELY DESTROYED

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Quebec.—Many were injured and removed to the hospital. 371 children and 40 nuns were in the building when the fire broke out in the cellar. The flames quickly spread to dormitories. Thanks to the heroic efforts of the nuns many children were brought out in safety. Many others were rescued by means of ladders and life nets in which they were thrown from windows of the blazing building. Hospice which is century old was completely destroyed.—Reuter's Special.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST RED AGITATORS

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Hongkong.—The police are arresting, as precautionary measure, a number of Red agitators who have come here from Canton intending to promote strikes. Several persons found distributing seditious posters and handbills and others attempting to call out tramwaymen have been arrested.—Reuter.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN QUEBEC

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Quebec.—Several persons including many children have been burnt to death in a fire which has destroyed Hospice Saint Charles, Seventeen bodies have been recovered. It is possible that fifty are dead. Eighty children are reported missing.—Reuter.

CAPT. LINDBERGH IN MEXICO

WARM WELCOME: PUBLIC HOLIDAY DECLARED

LONDON, Dec. 14.

San Antonio (Texas).—Captain Lindbergh arrived in Mexico City on the conclusion of his 2,000 mile non-stop flight from Washington in the "Spirit of St. Louis" in which he had crossed the Atlantic. President Calles declared the day a public holiday. Detachments of cavalry were posted on the highway before midnight to control the crowds thronging the route from the Capital to Valbuena serodrome where President Calles and the whole Cabinet assembled with foreign ambassadors to great the airman.—Reuter.

CHINA SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE

STRONG LABOURITE CRITICISM

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The House of Commons adopted by 242 votes against 103 China Supplementary Estimate of three million and ninety thousand sterling, being the excess cost involved by the employment of extra troops in China. Commodore King paid a glowing tribute to the excellent discipline and the exemplary conduct of the troops.

There was considerable Labourite criticism, Mr. Trevelyan asserting that the troops embittered anti-British feelings and Col. Wedgwood expressing the opinion that it was not tax payers here, but people whom the troops protected who should pay. He and Commander Kenworthy suggested that the Europeans should form their own Defence Force.

Mr. Loker Lampson replied saying that the troops would withdraw directly when some kind of order was evolved and some sort of Chinese Government was able to exercise control.—Reuter.

Commodore King said that one item was full maintenance pay rations, etcetera of Indian contingent. There was some doubt originally whether they should pay any part of cost of contingent but whole amount had fallen on our votes and was included in supplementary estimates.

SOCIAL REACTIONARIES AT MAHAD

(BY P. G. K

The Satyagraha which is announced to be launched on the 24th instant at Mahad in the district of Kolaba, under the leadership of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, bids fair to be a very lively affair. There was some months ago a fracas, as the readers of "The Chronicle" may recall in the said town between the so-called untouchables over the question whether the former were entitled to use a public tank there. Only a few days previously Mahatma Gandhi had visited the town and he was honoured most enthusiastically by the public there. At the conclusion of a Conference of the "depressed" classes the delegates went to a public tank, known as 'Chowdar' and used it, relying on the fact that the said tank had been, in accordance with the resolution passed in the Legislative Council, declared as open to all castes by a resolution of the Municipality. This assertion of their civic rights by the "depressed" classes was resented by some mischief-mongers of the place who incited the rabble of the town and the neighbouring villages to use violence against the delegates of the Conference, in consequence of which there were numerous indiscriminate assaults. The untouchables, however, displayed a magnificent spirit by remaining non-violent in spite of grave provocation. The enemies of reform then held a purification ceremony and at the earliest opportunity managed to have the resolution of the Municipality rescinded. The "depressed" classes had, therefore, to take up the challenge lest the resistance at Mahad should prove infectious and cause a set-back in their struggle for elementary civic rights. Now the reactionaries of Mahad are leaving no stone unturned to defeat the Satyagraha movement undertaken by Dr. Ambedkar and his friends and followers.

A REFRENDUM FARCE.

Strenuous efforts are, it is understood, being made to incite the riffraff of the town against the Satyagrahis and the district authorities are being moved to prevent the latter from carrying out their intention. It is sought to make out that the tank is a private property and for this a referendum farce was enacted at the instance of some wire-pullers in the local Municipality. If my information is correct the Collector was shrewd enough to perceive the illogical position of the Mahad die-hards. If the tank was a private property, he is said to have replied, the municipal voters had nothing to do with it, and if it was a public tank the Municipality had no power to exclude the untouchables from it. The District Magistrate is also said to have reminded the members of the deputation that had waited upon him to urge the necessity of preventing the Satyagrahis from carrying out their intention, of the fact that the same people had only in March last paid homage to Mahatmaji, the apostle of the anti-untouchability movement.

CASTE ARROGANCE.

It is hoped wiser counsels will still prevail and Mahad would be saved from the impending disgrace. The fact that among those who are opposing the legitimate claims of the "depressed" classes there, are some educated people, is sufficent to make Indians hang their heads in shame. It is they and not the ignorant, illiterate people who are to blame for the unhappy situation. A few days ago Messrs. D. V. Gokhale and J. S. Karandikar of "Kesari" and the "Mahratta" had paid a visit to Mahad to prevail upon the leaders of orthodoxy there to allow the "depressed" classes to use the public tanks, but the mission proved to be an abortive one owing to the obstinacy of some Brahmans and Gujaratis. It is not the dictates of religion but the dictates of caste arrogance that the caste Hindus of Mahad are following, for no religion worth the name can ever consent to be an instrument of injustice and oppression. Should the Satyagraha fail it would be a triumph of obscurantism and Mahad would gain an unenviable name. Let the oppositionists yield with good grace, if they have any sense, before it is too late. Their present attitude is opposed to justice, humanity, religion, nationalism, and, above all, the spirit of the times.

SECRETARY'S ACTION CRITICISED

A JOINT MANIFESTO'

LAHORE, Dec. 14.

Malik Ferozekhan Noon, Minister, and Sir Mohammad Iqbal, M. L. C., have issued a joint manifesto this evening in the course of which they say that at the last meeting of the Council of the All-India Muslim League held at Delhi on the 11th December, Dr. Kitchlew, General Secretary of the League, was asked whether he had received a demand for holding a second meeting of the Council from any others besides five persons, two from Bengal and three from Madras, and whether he had the letters from these gentlemen in his possession, to which Dr. Kitchlew gave reply in the negative. Dr. Kitchlew added that some people approached Mr. Jinnah on the subject. He, however, did not know who or how many had done so.

KITCHLEW'S ACTION CRITICISED.

It is now for the public (continues the manifesto) to decide whether the action of the Secretary in calling a second meeting to upset the decision already arrived at was justified even if Sir Muhammad Shafi's statement to the press that he was willing to resign under certain conditions, had given Dr. Kitchlew an excuse to put the matter before the Council. Again, there is absolutely no reason whatsoever to have placed on the agenda the question of the venue. He had no right to put the question of the presidentship on the agenda, because he should have ascertained from H. H. the Aga Khan whether he was willing to preside. Although rule 19 authorises the Secretary to call a meeting of the Council, it will be impossible for him "to instance past history when a decision arrived at by the Council and not approved by the Secretary was thrown to the winds and a second meeting called within eight days to have a different decision taken from the Council."

DECISION ILLEGAL.

The signatories, proceeding say that "if the decision of the 20th November was not final, it is obvious that no finality can attach to the decision of the 11th December. The vast majority of the Punjab and United Provinces Councillors hold the view that the decision of the 20th November stands, and they are not prepared to accept the decision of the 11th December. Moreover, the decision regarding the President, arrived at on the 11th is illegal because the Provincial League was not consulted, which was done on November 20th. He would also like to know if there was any proper invitation from the Bengalm Musli League."

APPEAL TO HOLD SESSIONS AT LAHORE.

The signatories concluding appeal to all who have the well-being of the community at heart, to hold the meeting of the League at Lahore. If it is considered that the 30th and 31st December are not suitable dates for those attending the Muslim Educational Conference and the All-India Congress at Madras, then the dates of the meeting of the Muslim League can be altered to the last Saturday and Sunday in the month of January or else the Easter holidays. This suggestion was made at Delhi, but not accepted, because the reasons for holding the meeting at Calcutta are that the Delhi proposals of March 20th, whereby the Muslims lose their separate electorates will stand a better chance of being inflicted on the Muslim community under one sugar-coating or another at Calcutta than they have at Lahore, where he Punjab is unitedly for separate electorates.—A. P.

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"NOT DEAD AS ARTISTS."

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joined the Slade School of Arts and, later, South Kensington. In 1922 he won the Diploma of the Royal College of Art. He won the first prize in tempera painting and in engraving at the Royal College. Here, again, he was the fist to obtain the honour. His large paintings in tempera received prominent place at the Royal Academy Exhibition in the succeeding years, 1922 and 1923.

ROYAL APPRECIATION.

Of the work he did in England, mention may be made also of a ceiling he painted entitled "The Tree of life" with figures, animals and flowers, in the West-End residence of Mrs. and Mr. Eliot A. C. Druce, the King's Solicitor. "That" said the artist, and the author of the "Pilgrimage to Ajanta and Bagh", who sought, over two decades ago, guidance for his restless inborn artistic instincts as an inmate of the "Shanti Niketan" Bolpur and as a disciple of Dr. Abinindra Nath Tagore, "would indicate my activities and work there. Just before my departure, I arranged an exhibition of my engravings and paintings which aroused considerable interest about my work and about India." "You would be glad to know", he remarked, "that soon after my exhibition I received the Royal Command for the pictures which were subsequently inspected by Their Majesties the King and Queen, at the Buckingham Palace, who were greatly interested in my work." "There is", Mr. Mukul Dey concluded, "an earnest and genuine desire on the part of a considerable section of educated and well-informed British public to understand and appreciate the ancient and priceless art and culture of this land as well as the modern movement of reform." Mr. Mukul Dey after a period of about ten years' absence from his people, is soon leaving for Calcutta. It is Mr. Dey's intention to exhibit next year, in Bombay and Calcutta the work he aspires to do in India. He has, he says, returned to India to seek once again its unfailing inspiration. For the readers of the "Chronicle" he has consented to offer for reproduction some of the engravings he has recently done.

PT. MOTILALJI BUSY

TO ADDRESS INDIAN MAJLISS ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

(Free Press Beam Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Pandit Motilal Nehru has been busy since his return from Moscow with professional and other engagements. There has been a great desire amongst the Indian student community in the Universities to hear Panditji. It has now been fixed that Panditji will address the Indian Majliss on Indian affairs on Monday.

CHANGES IN THE "STATESMAN"

SIR ANDREW CAIRD APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR,

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15.

"Pitcher" writes in the Capital:—"It transpires that the new propietors of the "Statesman" have appointed Sir Andrew Caird to be the Managing Director with full authority to reorganise the whole caboodle. He will arrive in Calcutta on the 19th instant. It is reported that the prime object of Sir Andrew's mission is to turn the "Statesman" into a public company and the project will have the full support of the great house of Messrs. Andrew Yule and Company. I have not yet heard what the authorised capital will amount to or how much of it will be offered to the public. But the obvious intention is to make the position of the paper impregnable.

Sir Andrew Caird was the Managing Director of the "Daily Mail", perhaps still is. He is famous in the Fleet Street for his wonderful organising power and genius of invention. The changes to take place in the Editorial staff of the "Statesman" are kept a close secret but belatant rumour reserves the editorship for Mr. W. C. Wordsworth who played an influential part in the negotiations which gave the Clive Row paper.—A. P.

REVIVAL OF SERBIAN VOLCANO

LONDON, Dec. 14.

A report has been received that much anxiety has been caused owing to the revival of a Serbian volcano. The volcano is active and the overflow of lava is apprehended any time.—Free Press Beam Service.

MAHATMA ADDRESSES MEETING AT BALASORE

REACHES CUTTACK ON SUNDAY

(Free Press Beam Service.)

BALASORE, Dec. 15.

Mahatma Gandhi reached Balasore yesterday and addressed a public meeting as well as a ladies' meeting in the evening Over 6,000 people attended the public meeting. Rs. 1,158 was collected in the meeting. Under the advice of the Doctor, Mahatmaji stayed at Balasore to-day also. He goes to Bahdaraka by train on the 16th instnt and thence to a flood relief centre at Charbatia by motor on the 17th. He reaches Cuttack on the 18th where he will discuss the Khadi problem of the province with Khadi workers. Mahatmaji complete his Utkal programme by the 21st and reaches Madras on the 23rd.

NUMBER OF HAJ PILGRIMS

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Statistics have been published of the number of pilgrims who undertook the Haj this year. The total number of pilgrims was 126,000. Of them, 40,000 came from the East Indies and 30,000 from India.—Free Press Beam Service.

POSTPONE THE SESSIONS.

SIR M. SHAFI'S TELEGRAM TO MUSLIM LEADERS

LAHORE, Dec. 14.

Sir Muhammad Shafi has sent the following telegram after consultation with local Muslim leaders to H. H. the Agha Khan, Mr. Jinnah, Sir Abdur Rahim, Sir Ali Imam, Dr. Ziauddin Hakim Ajmal Khan, Dd. Ansari, Mr. Ayakub Hasan, Dr. Kitchlew, Sir M. Fakhrudin, Sir Ibrahim Rahimtullah and the Maharaja of Muhammadabad:

Last Sunday's decision of the Council regarding change of venue has created serious situation. There is great danger of community being split into two camps. Am sincerely anxious to avoid situation absolutely fatal to Muslim interests at this critical juncture. Earnestly appeal you in name of Muslim solidarity exercise your great influence for postponement anniversary later date. Meanwhile elected leaders should meet centra place settle controversial matters so that League anniversary be held in calmer atmosphere, wire reply."—A. P.

'MOTHER INDIA" IN ENGLAND

ANOTHER PROTEST MEETING

(Free Press Beam Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The protesting meeting that was held recently to condemn the mischievious character of Miss Mayo's book 'Mother India' has had a salutary effect on the activities of those who have sought to make most of the falsehoods contained in the book to prejudice the outlook of even those members of Parliament who are inclined to be sympathetic towards Indian aspirations. The Committee of the Indian Defence League have decided to pursue the advantage gained by the holding of the last meeting by holding a meeting to-morrow for the same purpose.

BAN ON RUSSIANS

CAIRO GOVERNMENT'S ORDER

CAIRO, Dec. 14.

The Egyptian Government have refused visas for members of the Soviet Statistical Delegation, who wanted to attend the Statistics Congress which meets at Cairo. The Soviet had desired to invite the Congress to Russia.

The ban on the Russian delegates cannot be understood, when Russians are allowed to make commercial deals with Egypt.—Free Press Beam Service.

POLISH-LITHUANIAN SETTLEMENT

CAUSTIC COMMENTS IN RUSSIAN PRESS

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.

The Russian Press comments are not appreciative of the terms of the Polish-Lithuanian settlement, arrived at by the League of Nations though M. Litvinoff is credited with having thrown his weight on the side of the settlement.

The Russian point of view, as indicated by caustic comments in the Press, is that a settlement is only a make-believe and not founded on any real understanding. In support of this view it is pointed out that the settlement does not deter Poland from sending influential Lithuanian refugees which are under its influence into Lithuanian Territory to fan trouble for the Lithuanian Government.—Free Press Beam Service.

FURTHER GRANT OF SUBSIDY TO SUGAR INDUSTRY

"W. G." ATTACKS PROPOSALS OF GOVT

(Free Press Beam Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The "Westminster Gazette" attacks Government's proposals for a further grant of 9,00,000 by Parliament of the subsidy to the sugar industry and characterises it as an amazing proposal.

RIDDING CHINA OF COMMUNISM

SOVIET CONSUL-GENERAL ASKED TO LEAVE NATIONALISTS TERRITORY

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Shanghai.—Mr. Quotaichi, the Nationalist Vice-Minister, Foreign Affairs, to-day, handed his passports to the Soviet Consul-General at Shanghai, and resuested him to leave Nationalist territory within a week.

Mr. Quotaichi, in a speech, declared China was determined to rid herself of communism which was responsible for chaos and disorder.—Reuter.

FREE STATE GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO RETIRE?

HIS PROBABLE SUCCESSOR

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The announcement of the retirement of the Free State Governor-General, Timothy Healy is expected in a few days. His probable successor will be Mr. James McNeill, High Commissioner for Free State in London and an ex-Indian Civil servant.—Reuter.

FOR LIBRARY IN FERGUSSON COLLEGE

WADIA BROTHERS' MUNIFICENT DONATION

POONA CITY, Dec. 14.

Mr. C. N. Wadia and his brother Sir Ness Wadia of Bombay have promised a donation of one lakh of rupees to the Deccan Education Society for the construction of a library in the Fergusson College.—A. P.

Direct telephonic connection has been established between Mexico and Canada. Free Press Beam Service.

Clergymen flocked to see the Christ Film released at the Convent Gardens to-night. The theatre was packed.—Free Press Beam Service.

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IN ASIA

ANGLO-RUSSIAN UNDERSTANDING ENDANGERED

(Free Press Beam Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The "Times" reports that the Moscow headquarters of Communist organisations are planning a large campaign for the propagation of Communist views in Asia. If the report is correct, the prospects of an Anglo-Russian understanding become remoter and remoter.

ANGLO-IRAQ TREATY SIGNED

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP QUESTION

(Free Press Beam Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The Anglo-Iraq Treaty was signed yesterday. The question of membership of the League of Nations of Iraq is postponed. It is stated the position is that Iraq can become a member of the League of Nations when the British mandate for Iraq expires in 1932 but not till then.

SYMPATHY FOR PANDIT INDRA

DELHI, Dec. 15.

Excessive sentences awarded to Pandits Indra and Satyakam have shocked everybody. Messages of sympathy are pouring in from all places. Mr. Lajpat Rai has sent the following telegram to Deshbandhu Gupta: "Shocked to hear Indra's sentence. Please convey my sympathies to him and his wife. All Hindu papers in the Punjab have strongly condemned the judgment. A public meeting will be held this evening to express dissatisfaction at the judgment and express sympathy to Indra and his family."—Free Press

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONVICTED OF CHEATING

Peter Daman, a Christian youth, aged 18, was placed before Mr. Thakkar at the Mazgaon Police Court on a charge of cheating.

There are three complainants in this case. The first complainant Anand Chakranarayan stated that he was a telephone clerk. On the 29th ultimo, the accused came to him and told him that his sister Soshilabai had won a harmonium in a lottery and that the prize would be delivered on payment of Rs. 3. The complainant paid him the required sum, but failed to get the harmonium.

On the day following this incident, Rev. Charanarayen, a Christian preacher, visited the complainant, and was informed of the accused's trick. He then informed the police.

Manibai, a woman who lives at Sankli Street with her husband, stated that on the 28th November the accused came to her and told her that her husband had won a prize in a lottery and that it would be delivered on a payment of Rs. 2. She paid Rs. 2 and heard no more of the prize or the accused. Anni Balaram, a nurse, was also similarly induced to part with Rs. 3. The bait held out in all the three cases by the accused was a harmonium prize.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge of cheating, and admitted a previous conviction of theft. His Worship, therefore, convicted him and sentenced him to suffer 1 day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 20 or, in default, to suffer one month's rigorous imprisonment. If the fine was recovered, the complainants were to be paid the sums they lost through the accused.

SENTENCED FOR GAMING

Shaik Ismail Mohamed and Hasan Shaik Isub were placed before Mr. Thakkar, Presidency Magistrate, Sixth Court, at Mazgaon, on a charge of gaming with cards and money.

Both the accused were arrested at Bombay on the 8th December on the above charge. The first accused pleaded not guilty and stated he was sitting at a distance from some boys who were gaming with cards. The second, however, pleaded guilty.

His Worship disbelieved the story of the first accused as it was not corroborated by any other witness and warned and discharged him. The second accused was convicted of gaming and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs 20 or, in default, to suffer one week's rigorous imprisonment.

CIVILNE CRIMINAL JUSTIC

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY REPORT FOR 1926.

The permanent Civil Judicial Staff employed during the year 1926 consisted of 10 High Court Judges, 17 District Judges, 2 Joint Judges, 7 Assistant Judges, 6 Judges of the Presidency Small Cause Court, 2 Provincial Small Cause Court Judges, 22 First Class Subordinate Judges and 104 Second Class Subordinate Judges.

There were in all 241,484 civil suits for disposal in the Civil Courts of the Presidency excluding 14,727 miscellaneous cases. Of these 188,631 suits were before the mofussil courts, 52,853 in the City courts, 40,928 being in the Presidency Court of Small Causes.

The number of suits instituted in the mofussil courts was 127,939, showing an increase of 3,769 on the figures of the preceding year. The increase occurred in money and title suits to the extent of 3.8 and 2 per cent. respectively, the number of money suits instituted being 102,347 against 98,626 in the year 1925 and that of title suits being 25,592 against 25,544. The total value of suits instituted in the year amounted to Rs. 4,92,43,000 indicating an increase of Rs. 66,82,000 on the total value for 1925.

In the Bombay Small Cause Court the number of suits instituted was 35,274 while those disposed of was 35,137, leaving a balance of 5,791 pending at the close of the year.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Criminal justice in the Presidency was administered by the High Court and Sessions Judges mentioned above together with 974 Magistrates, 19,741 Police Patils, 138 Sanitary Committees and Sanitary Boards and 284 village panchayats. The total number of offences dealt with by all classes of criminal courts in the Presidency was 212,444 involving a trial of 263,226 persons. Of these 79,472 persons were acquitted and 171,018 were convicted.

The total number of cases brought to trial before the Presidency Magistrates including Honorary Magistrates was 112,483. This showed a decrease by 12,109 as compared with the figures of 1925. The number of cases under Special and Local Laws was 102,572 or 11,462 less than in 1925 and those under the Indian Penal Code fell from 10,558 to 9,911. The decrease was most marked in offences under the City of Bombay Police Act which fell from 65,456 to 52,839 and those under the Municipal Act fell from 20,517 to 12,320. The total number of persons dealt with by the Presidency Magistrates was 120,708 of whom 105,533 were convicted. Of the persons convicted 9,943 were punished with imprisonment, 88,169 with fine and 215 with whipping.

ALL-INDIA KHADI EXHIBITION

CHANGE OF DATE

MADRAS, Dec. 14.

The organisers of the All-India Khadi Exhibition states Mahatma Gandhi will open the Exhibition on the 23rd instant and not on the 21st as announced previously. Tickets are priced at annas two available on all days including the opening day with a view to make the Exhibition accessable to all ranks of men especially the poor. The Exhibition and Demonstration sheds are ready. The outer walls of the Exhibition enclosing an area of over 1 1|2 acres, the stalls, Exhibition and demonstration sheds are all of corrugated iron sheets and are proof against sun, rain and theft. Only half a dozen stalls are yet to be filled up. Applications for these must reach on the 18th instant. Each Exhibit should bear its sale price and it must be mentioned whether it is for sale or not. The exhibits will be sold at the prices marked, provided they are reasonable, and the money will be remitted to the owners. A large collection of self-spun exhibits is being made and those who possess self spun or historical or other Khadi of educative value are requested to immediately forward them to the exhibition.—Free Press.

Dr. Lakshmipathy, B.A., M.B. and C.M Bhisagratna of Madras will preside over the Physical Experts Convention which will be held in connection with the coming Indian Youth Congress.—Free Press.

A NEW GUJARATI WEEKLY

REJOICINGS AMONG LITERARY MEN

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 14.

The lovers of Gujarati language and literature in Kathiawar are greatly pleased to learn that their fellow-workers in Burma, namely, Messrs. Ramesh R. Gharekhan and Gaganvihari L. Mehta have planned a weekly called "Brahmadesh" to be conducted in Gujarati and published in Rangoon, with a view to placing the friends and relations of the Gujarati-speaking persons trading or serving in Burma 'en rapport' with the mental pre-occupations of their kith and kin in Rangoon, Moulmein, Maymyo and elsewhere.

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VICEROY PASSES A DISTURBED NIGHT.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH

BOMBAY Dec. 15.

It is officially announced that His Excellency the Viceroy's condition remained about the same and that he passed a somewhat disturbed night. AP.

CHANGE IN MILITARY TITLES

LONDON, Dec. 14.

That the rank of Brigadier would be substituted for what are described as clumsy titles of Colonel Commandant and Colonel on Staff was announced by the Financial Secretary to War Office replying to a question in the House of Commons. He said the change would be made when the necessary statutory provisions had been made in the Army Act by means of the next year's Army and Air Force annual Act. Reuter's Speci:

RECEPTION AT DONGRE

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

The Secretary, Muslim Reception Committee sends us the following: H.M. the King of Afghanistan will attend a public reception organised by the Reception Committee of the Muslim community of Bombay at Dongree to-night. Addresses will be presented to His Majesty by the Muslim public of Bombay the Central Khilafat Committe the Jamia Milia Islamia of Delhi and the Muslim Students Union of Bombay. A.P.

CHINESE GUN-BOATS OPEN FIRE ON COMMUNISTS.

LONDON Dec. 14.

Hongkong—The Chinese gun-boats supporting the anti-Red forces of Canton steamed along the river bank to the city, firing on the Communists with 12 pounders. And Machine Guns.—Reuters.

27 HOURS FLIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 14.

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TRADING IN COTTON MARKET

NEED FOR TIME RESTRICTION

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Interviewed by a special representative of "The Bombay Chronicle," in connection with the removal of time restrictions for trading in the cotton market by the Board of the East India Cotton Association Ltd, which is still in operation, Mr. Pranlal of Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee said:

"You ask me for my views on 24 hours' trading in the Cotton Market recently allowed by the East India Cotton Association Ltd. This step has, I find, attracted attention even of the public not directly interested in the Cotton trade, which is not surprising since the cotton market of our city is the premier cotton market of India, and our East India Cotton Association Ltd., the only recognised Association for the Cotton trade and one which is looked to with respect and one which has commanded a high place among similar Associations controlling other markets. Whether one agrees or not, as to the advisability of this step, in my opinion, it is no doubt inspired in the hope that it would be to the interest of the trade at large, and would remove the injustice that the law-abiding members of the Association were labouring under, while others traded with impunity out of time and outside of this Association, e.g., in Katcha Candy which is open day and night. Perhaps at the back of their mind the Board might even have the idea that by permitting trading day and night, those in favour of 24 hours' trading would themselves feel from experience that it is after all inadvisable and inconvenient and request the Board to reintroduce fixed trading hours.

DISADVANTAGES OF NEW PRACTICE

Now the question is whether permitting to trade any time during the day and night is to the interest of the trade as a whole and the general public. I believe it is not. I find that it impairs efficiency and encourages dilatoriness. It enhances speculation by inducing outsiders engaged in other businesses which keep ordinary business hours as they can find our market open day and night. It does little good to those for whose benefit it is probably intended; for, being habituated to work in ordinary business hours they do not find it convenient to work outside of these hours, but still are obliged to do so when they find their competitors transacting business at such hours. Thus in case of brokers I can say from my own experience that although this is a permissive measure and no one is compelled to work all the 24 hours, in practice it works as if it were almost a compulsory measure; because our Association's protection as to time no longer existing the constituents expect being attended upon while there is a market open and also as there may be limit orders to be executed the brokers are obliged to work until late at night and early in the morning. It acts very harshly on the servants of brokers and Traders as they have now to work while the market is working and the cotton employee's day becomes a day of 12 working-hours and in fluctuating markets of even more. From considerations of health, working at late hours of the night and early hours of the day—hours which are everywhere reserved for sleep, rest and household duties is harmful to all concerned and I can say from the experience of my own firm that half of our staff fell ill soon after this day-and-night trading was introduced.

REVERT TO OLD ARRANGEMENT.

I am therefore not in favour of permitting to trade at any time of the day or night. I believe that the old arrangement of restricting trading during the hours from 12 to 6 was a very reasonable one and was found to work on the whole satisfactorily to all concerned and was generally approved; and the fact that it was in force for so many years proves that. Wherever a restriction is placed, there will always be found some people disregarding it. It is but human nature. In spite of all reasonable efforts to enforce a rule, it is seldom possible to entirely eliminate the possibility of its breach by those that commit it at the risk of consequences. In my opinion it would not be right to scrap a rule on the plea that unanimous observance of it is not forthcoming. On that plea no law could have ever been enacted. I hope that our Association which has since its inception rendered valuable service to the cotton trade and earned the recognition by the Liverpool Cotton Association will soon see the advisability of again fixing trading hours and thus not act contrary to the practice of the important foreign cotton markets.

There is another matter on which, if you allow me, I should like to say a word. It is the unfortunate practice among brokers of competing by reducing the scale of brokerage, and recently this tendency has become more noticeable. This is highly detrimental to the interest of the trade, and encourages dishonesty. I think it is the duty of our Association to fix and enforce a uniform scale of brokerage, and, thereby, put a stop to unfair competition and foul practices, and thus come in line with the Liverpool and New York Cotton Exchanges where there are fixed scales of brokerage, and where accepting less than the minimum scale fixed renders a member liable to expulsion.

A TRIBUTE TO "CHRONICLE'S" SERVICE.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying a word of praise for the great strides which your paper has taken in your commercial columns particularly with regard to the cotton market. A few minutes' glance in the morning at your neatly-arranged columns provides one with all the necessary information about the markets of Bombay, Liverpool and New York, together with the cables and opinions of the principal cotton firms. This is an achievement which your paper may well be proud of."

PHYSICAL CULTURE INSTITUTE

SCHEME TO TRAIN YOUNG MEN

BRINDRABAN, Dec. 13.

To meet the growing demand for Shakti Ashrams and physical culture institutes and consequently to meet the requirements for trained and tried young men to take charge of such institutions, the Bharat Yuvak Sangha have recently decided to open an institute at Brindraban.

1. This will be named as the Physical Culture Teacher's Training Institute, Brindraban, and will work under the management of the Prem Mahavidyalay, with Principal A. T. Gidwani as its Director.

2. Young men will be trained in Physical Culture and exercises such as Lathi, Asans, Pranayam, Malkham, Lazium, Swimming, Gymnasium, Archery, etc., and instructions will be imparted in Anatomy, Physiology, Dietatics and Indian Ideals.

3. The course will extend to a period of six months, four of which will be spent at Brindraban and the last two in Rajpur at Shakti Ashram, with a view to give the students a practical training in ther work.

4. Young men above the age of twenty, who have had a good general education and show their capacity through prescribed measurements and weights, will be entitled to admission.

5. Students after the completion of course will be awarded diplomas of efficiency. Those securing the first three places will probably be given posts, starting from Rs. 40 per mensem, with future prospects, depending upon satisfactory work. The rest of the successful students will be helped in securing jobs elsewhere as Physical Instructor, if they cannot be employed by the Bharat Yuvak Sangha.

6. Only twenty-five students will be taken this year. The Institute commences working on January 15, 1928. Those intending to join should apply at once, enclosing one anna stamp, to Acharya A. T. Gidwani, Principal, Prem Mahavidyalay, Brindaban (Muttra).—A. P.

TIL-GUL WORK EXHIBITION

KURUNDWAD RANI SAHEB'S FINE LEAD.

(From a Correspondent.)

BELGAUM, Dec. 14.

Placidity of life among the womenfolk of Belgaum and the suburbs has been stirred by the Til-Gul Work Exhibition, which is going to be opened at Madhavpur the capital of the Kurundwad (Junior), State which is just near Belgaum, on the coming Makar Sankrant day, on January 14 1928. In this connection, a crowded meeting of ladiess was held at Madhavpur on Sunday last, under the presidentship of Shrimant Rudrabai Desai, of Chachadi.

Shrimant Ramabaisaheb, Rani of Kurunvad, in a very lucid speech dwelt at length over the advantages of such exhibitionss as leading to greater social lif among women and also leading to an increase of artistic taste among them and finally requested the audience to make the exhibition a success.

Mrs. Banubai Aho, Superintendent of Mahila Vidyalaya Belgaum also spoke in the same vein and a strong managing committee was then formed under the chairmanship of Shrimant Rani Saheb.

It is interesting to note that this is probably the first Til-Gul Work Exhibition, to be held in Karnatak and Shrimant Ranisaheb of Kurundvad junior is to be congratulated for giving a lead in the right direction.

AMRELI EXPERIMENT STATION

BLASTING IN WELLS

(From Our Correspondent.)

AMRELI, Dec. 14.

The experiment station started at Amreli last year in an area of sixty bighas has been yielding good results in respect of the tests carried out of late with different varieties of cotton, food-crops, seeds, fruit trees and flower plants. No pains are spared to interest the local cultivators in scientific farming and to conduct boring operations in wells to ensure a sufficiency of water for irrigating purposes. Recourse is also had to the method of loosening obstructing rocks in wells by the discharge of an explosive. Arrangements are also made to acquaint the cultivators in villages with the means of combining science with agriculture so as to increase the productivity of the soil and to economise both time and labour in farming.

WEATHER REPORT

SIMLA, Dec. 15.

The western disturbance has given nearly general rain along the Frontier and local rain in Kashmir with a few falls in North Punjab.

Chief amounts are: Murree and Srinagar quarter inch, Sonamarg one and half Dras a quarter, Peshawar and Charat a half, Parachinar Drosh and Chaman one and Pishin a half.

Forecast: Decrease along the Frontier. A.P.

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BIRKENHEAD'S COLOSSAL HOAX.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION UNWARRANTED.

MR. PAL QUESTIONS ITS LEGALITY

The legality of Lord Birkenhead, the Tory Secretary of State for India in appointing a purely Parliamentary Commission for the purpose of inquiring into the working of the system of Government in India has been challenged by Sreejut Bepin Chandra Pal in course of his following article. Lord Birkenhead's inference or interpretation of Section 84 of the Government of India Act is unwarranted inasmuch as it is clearly stated in the section "at the expiration of ten years after the passing of the Government of India Act" a purely Royal Commission would be appointed. In view of such gross delinquence, it is now up to lawyers to devise ways and means to have a writ issued against the Cabinet by the King's Bench. This will prove to the hilt the sinister conspiracy of the arrogant British imperialists in regard to their relations to India.

The following is the full text of Sj. Bepin Chandra Pal's article:—

I would invite the attention of legal experts to the legality or otherwise of the proposed Parliamentary Commission. Section 84A of the present Government of India Act, under which Lord Birkenhead had appointed or secured the appointment of the present Parliamentary Commission, runs as follows:—

(1) "At the expiration of ten years after the passing of the Government of India Act, 1919, the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of both Houses of Parliament, shall submit for the approval of His Majesty the names of persons to act as a commission for the purposes of this section.

(2) "The persons whose names are so submitted, if approved by His Majesty, shall be a commission for the purpose of inquiring into the working of the system of government, the growth of education, and the development of representative institutions, in British India, and matters connected therewith, and the commission shall report as to whether and to what extent it is desirable to establish the principle of responsible government or to extend, modify, or restrict the degree of responsible government then existing therein, including the question whether the establishment of second chambers of the local legislatures is or is not desirable.

(3) "The commission shall also enquire into and report on any other matter affecting British India and the provinces which may be referred to the commission by His Majesty."

BIRKENHEAD'S WILFUL IGNORANCE.

I think that in the indignation and excitement caused by the deliberate affront offered to India's self-respect by the repudiation by the present Tory Government in England of India's claim to be associated with representatives of the British Government in any enquiry that may be initiated into the working of the present Government of India Act, the significance of the above section of the present Act which provides for the appointment of the Statutory Commission, has been more or less overlooked. The terms of this section clearly raises the question whether Lord Birkenhead and his friends have been acting within their powers in this matter by substituting a Parliamentary Commission for a Royal Commission in carrying out its provisions. Lord Birkenhead himself is not absolutely free from this doubt. He admits that Section 84A of the Government of India Act does not speak of a Parliamentary Commission. "I have only two things to add," he declared in course of his speech, "on the issue whether we are right or wrong in deciding upon a purely Parliamentary Commission." And he urged it on his own authority as a "constitutional lawyer" that 'the framers of the original and determining Act when they spoke of the Commission, contemplated a Parliamentary Commission." Strangely enough, however, they described it not as Parliamentary but only as a Statutory Commission. Lord Birkenhead is forced to admit that the Government of India Act does not "so state it in the terms" of the Section. But his lordship wants to draw the inference "that they did not so state it because they thought it so obvious." Lord Birkenhead does not explain what he means by "so obvious" here. In the first place, his inference in regard to this matter is not supported by historical antecedents relating to important enquiries made by the authority of Parliament into matters affecting vital Indian interests. Almost all previous Commissions appointed to examine Indian problems have been Royal Commissions, and not Parliamentary Commissions. The Public Service Commission, the Currency Commission, and the Civil Service Commission, popularly known as the Lee Commission, and the Agricultural Commission which is still at work, have all been Royal Commissions and not Parliamentary Commissions. We should like Lord Birkenhead to name one single Commission which was appointed since the transfer of the Government of India to the Crown to examine any important question affecting Indian administration, which was a Parliamentary Commission. If the practice had hitherto been to entrust the examination of vital Indian problems to Parliamentary Commissions, it might be said that the framers of the present Government of India Act did not expressly mention a Parliamentary Commission because they thought it "so obvious."

CONFUSED NOTION OF CONSTITUTION.

Lord Birkenhead labours under a curious confusion here, or deliberately seeks to confuse the peers and the public by his defence of the Parliamentary Commission. What is obvious is the supreme and undivided authority of Parliament to take whatever action Parliament may think necessary and proper in regard to the amendment of the present Government of India Act, on the report of the Statutory Commission. In claiming our right to be honourably associated in this enquiry with the representatives of the British Parliament, we never ignored the position of the British Parliament in regard to the ultimate decision on this matter. Lord Birkenhead cannot pretend to suggest that Parliament is bound to accept whatever recommendations the Simon Committee may make. The Simon Committee will not have any plenipotentiary powers to enter into any agreement on behalf of the British Crown and Parliament with the people of India in regard to this constitutional issue. They will merely "report" upon certain matters referred to them, and Parliament shall take such action upon their report as it may think right and proper. What is obvious, therefore, is the supreme authority and absolute right of Parliament to determine the manner and the measure of India's constitutional advance. A Royal Commission composed of members of Parliament and outsiders, whether British or Indian, will no more interefere with the supreme authority and right of Parliament than will a purely Parliamentary Commission. Lord Birkenhead must evidently have very confused notions regarding the constitutional status of a purely Parliamentary Commission, in regard to this matter, as distinguished from a mixed Royal Commission.

NOT SURE OF HIS GROUNDS.

But he is not really sure of his own grounds. He draws certain inferences from the terms of the Section; others equally qualified like himself may draw different inferences. But inferences may be legitimately drawn only when there is any reasonable doubt regarding the meaning of the words used by law. The words in Section 84A are absolutely clear. They raise no doubt in the mind of the ordinary man. These words plainly mean a Royal Commission instead of a Parliamentary Commission. Lord Birkenhead fully knows it, and he appealed therefore to Lord Chelmsford to support him in his 'inference.' He said:

"I observe Lord Chelmsford in the House. I am not entitled, unless he thinks it proper to contribute it to ask his opinion. But I should be greatly astonished if he is not prepared to state at the time when the Commission was contemplated in the Government Act any other idea was in his head or in the head of Mr. Montagu except that the Commission should be entirely Parliamentary."

Lord Chelmford, except confessing that he "was deeply committed to the belief that the enquiry should be through the medium of a Parliamentary Commission" does not seem, from the reports that have reached us, to have frankly and directly supported Lord Birkenhead, regarding the original idea of the Statutory Commission. What he said was clearly the language of diplomacy. But that really is absolutely immaterial. Lord Birkenhead claims to be an authority on constitutional law. Whatever may be the value of that claim his large experience of practice in the highest courts of law in England cannot be denied. And if we could have him on the witness box, we should have asked him if he would cite the personal opinion of legislators in support of any particular interpretation of the law made by them. Speeches in the legislature are not allowed to be quoted as authority for the interpretation of law before any court of justice.

It is not the legislators who make any law that have the right to interpretation. This right is vested, in civilisation, in judges and judges alone. And judges interpret the law first by the commonsense meaning of the words used, and next, when the meaning of any word or phrase is not clear, judges ascertain it by the context and also by circumstances antecedent to the formulation of the Act or existing at the time. Judged by these canons, any court of law would dismiss Lord Birkenhead's inference or interpretaion as unwarranted.

But it is for lawyers to decide this question. If qualified legal opinion be that Lord Birkenhead's interpretation of Section 84A is obviously wrong, or in any case can be reasonably challenged, then means ought to be taken to have a writ issued against the Cabinet, by the King's Bench. In this fight we must not neglect any weapon. If we can get a judgment from the King's Bench against Lord Birkenhead's interpretation of Section 84A, it will not be merely a legal, but above all, a great moral victory. It will expose to all the world the sinister mentality of British Tory Imperialism in its relations to India.

"Chronicle" Photos.
H. E. Lady Irwin arriving at the Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Garden with H. E. Sir L. Wilson and Lady Wilson on the occasion of the opening of the Tansa Completion Works.

ANGLICAN OR CATHOLIC?

REPRESENTATION OF INDIAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

(From Our Correspondent.)
DELHI Dec. 14.

The question of nomination of a representative of the Indian Christian Community as a result of resignation by Mr. Rutnaswami is now engaging the serious attention of Government. The difficulty lies in the fact that in making the choice they have to reconcile rival interests Both Mr. Cotelingham and Dr. S. K. Datta who represented Indian Christians successively in the first two Assemblies were Anglicans. The Catholics who by themselves form about half the Christian population in India had a strong claim and Mr. Rutnaswami's nomination to the present Assembly though excellent in itself was determined on that consideration. The Catholics feel that his successor must be a Catholic that they like Anglicans should have right of representation by a Catholic in two successive Assemblies and that at any rate Mr. Rutnaswami's successor should be a Catholic. In the present Assembly the question will of course have to be referred to the Viceroy and Provincial Governors may be consulted.

In the mean time both Anglicans and Catholics are in the run and it remains to be seen on whom the Viceroy's choice falls.

WHAT IS YOUR BIRTHDAY?

TO-DAY'S FORECAST. (DEC. 16TH.)

(By KAM, Chela of Himalayan Joshimaharaj Joothabhai Labaddas).

SIGN OF ZODIAC: SAGITTARIUS.

If to-day is really your birthday (and not an assumed manufactured birthday to spring a gold or diamond surprise on your beloved) let me tell you in real earnest that there is soon to be refreshing refulgence on your once darkened horizon, a glorious vista of financial boom (reminiscent of the war boom ("boom" in its Mammon sense, not that of the hated reverberation of cannons on Liege and Namur forts) opens out to you, with the only exception—oh that wretched fly awe-yen't-ment!—of the matrimonial boom! In fact a veritable Eldorado is at your unwashed stinking feet. All the world's happiness (please don't forget the mighty exception) will be "open sesame" to you. But the sudden windfall is likely to turn your head like a stationary windmill in a gust of wind, so you are advised to buy, from Chore Bazaar "jurry-pooranwalas" (as your present empty pockets won't allow a freer scope) a spanner to make your screws tight in such a contingency. If you don't know, (after acquiring wealth) how to use your surplus and reserve, you are advised to solicit expert advice from Basil Sab, and your domestic reserve bank's safety is assured. About your love affair the least said the better. If you are wise you will make out what is in store for you, by my observing discreet silence.

POONA DIVORCE SUIT

DECREE NISI PASSED

(From Our Correspondent.)
POONA, Dec. 13.

Mr. A. C. Wild, I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, Poona, has passed a decree nisi in a suit for divorce brought by Assistant Surgeon Rozario, of the I. M. D., Poona, against his wife L. Rozario and the co-respondent Mr. Leo De Souza, son of Major P. De Souza (retired), I. M. D.

MADRASEE ANGLO-VERNACULAR SCHOOL

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It is to be very much regretted that though the above institution is now over 15 months old and is having a very healthy growth day by day, the authorities concerned have not yet found time and fund to provide the above institution even with some wall pictures for object lesson, without which, as anybody will admit, an young pupil of about 5 or 6 cannot be expected to imagine the figure of a horse and an ass side by side, or that of a lion and tiger, etc., and try to find out the difference between the two. Such object lesson pictures are indispensable from the very beginning of the institution, and so also wall maps and a small globe for the use of higher standard pupils in a geography class. To suggest such necessities for a school one need not be a trained and technical teacher, but common-sense will suggest of its own accord. Will the authorities concerned kindly look to the needs of this progressive institution in this direction?

Further, as the authorities are aware, the school is increasing in strength every day, and the small children who are put up in places a little way off the school, may at times find it difficult to go to school owing to the heavy traffic on the road or on rainy days, when the parents themselves will hesitate to send them out of the house, and to facilitate their regular attendance in the class, one cannot expect the teacher to go from door to door to take the boys at such times, and so the authorities concerned will be doing a great favour and service to the parents of the students and the public at large, to sanction a boy-peon, which may not be too costly. If the writer's memory fails him not, at a meeting held at the school some five months back, when prizes were distributed to the young pupils according to their merits, under the presidentship of Dr. Javle, the President in his concluding speech promised that he would move in the Schools Committee to sanction a lady assistant teacher, a boy-peon, etc., and that he would look to all the necessities of this young institution. It has now to be very much doubted if this promise of the President has escaped his memory; if so, he is now kindly reminded of the same and it is hoped that he will now take up the matter in right earnest and move the Schools Committee to do the needful in the matter by which act of courtesy the Madrasee residents of Dadar will be much obliged.

It may not be out of place here to mention that at the above meeting Mr. R. Krishna Iyer, who was also present, stated that he has decided to give two presents each worth about Rs. 10 in memory of his late wife, one for cleanliness and the other for the best songster, and now the day is awaited when these prizes will be distributed, which will no doubt encourage the students and add to the future development of this institution.—Yours, etc.,

AN OBSERVER.

Bombay, Dec. 13.

Ldy Irwin declaring formally the opening of the Tansa Completion Works on Tuesday.

"INDIAN CO-OPERATIVE NAVIGATION AND TRADING CO."

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The so-called meeting of the shareholders of the Indian Co-operative Navigation and Trading Company, Limited, held on Sunday, the 11th instant, and the speeches made by Mr. Mangesh R. Bastodkar and others are in my opinion misleading to the shareholders of the Company as regards the forfeitures of shares and the present management of the Company. From the standpoint of Mr. Mangesh R. Bastodkar the present management may be bad, but if he reviews the past history of this Company he himself will have to admit that mismanagement alleged by him in his speech be at all true, it was the fault of the old Board and not the present one.

Now, I want to ask a straight question to Mr. Mangesh R. Bastodkar, whether the then Directors, Messrs. Lucas D'Lima and A. J. Fernandez (the then Secretary), friends of Mr. Mangesh R. Bastodkar, had opposed the resolution regarding the forfeiture of shares which according to Mr. Mangesh R. Bastodkar's statement amounts to lakhs of rupees? If the above two named Directors have opposed the resolution, then they must surely be congratulated on their actions in the interest of the Company and in case they have not recorded their votes against the proposition which was so very important from the standpoint of finances and if anybody is to be blamed, they must be the above-named Directors.

If the above-named Directors, Messrs. Lucas D'Lima and A. J. Fernandez, thought that the procedure of forfeiture of shares was wrong and unjust why did they sleep over that question uptil now when they had two courses open for them then? (1) To go to Court at that very moment and get the decision regarding the same, and (2) to convene meetings of the shareholders as they are doing now and as they did not follow the above two courses, then it seems quite apparent that they were not in minority as regards the resolution, but the same must have been passed unanimously in the Board's meeting. I feel confident that Mr. Mangesh R. Bastodkar as an honourable man and having interest of the Company at heart will ask his friends to clear up this point first and then talk of the alleged mismanagement of the present Board.

Will Mr. Mangesh R. Bastodkar explain what he means as regards the present mismanagement? Does he attribute to the following three accidents where present management had absolutely no control?

(1) Foundering of "S. S. Tukaram."

A group photo taken on the occasion of the Garden Party given by Dr. Batliwala to Lady Irwin at the Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Gardens.

(2) Boiler accident to "S. S. Tilak."

(3) Breakage of the propeller of "S. S. St. Xavier."

Could Mr. Mangesh R. Bastodkar have avoided the above-said three mishaps had he been a Director, if so, how?—Yours, etc.,

"UNPREJUDICED SHAREHOLDER."

Bombay, Dec. 14.

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